This is a definitive, state-of-the-art resource on the vital pieces of perinatal and pediatric palliative care.

Culling the most important new evidence-based research and findings from scholars and practitioners worldwide, it links theoretical knowledge and clinical practice to fill a gap in current information. The text is distinguished by its provision of different and even competing perspectives that address the complexities of the tragic human experience of perinatal, neonatal, and pediatric death and its focus on the nurses and other health care providers who provide care to those involved.

Contributors disseminate new theoretical approaches and reexamine current concepts in light of new research. They discuss the theoretical underpinnings of perinatal and pediatric bereavement, examine current thought on the dimensions of loss, deliver evidence-based clinical interventions, and offer the perspective of grieving families regarding their experiences and needs. The book provides both novice and experienced scholars of perinatal and pediatric bereavement with a strong foundation of current knowledge. With clinical interventions derived from research, the book enhances the expertise of clinicians caring for bereaved women and their families. It includes case studies, interview excerpts, graphics, and review questions to illustrate key points, and summaries demonstrating how theory is translated to clinical practice and informs research. Chapters provide objectives, references, and suggestions for additional study. The book is also a valuable study aid for students preparing for the Pediatric Loss Certification (NBCHPN) exam.

Key Features:

- Provides high-level but accessible information from renowned scholars in perinatal and pediatric loss
- Disseminates the newest theoretical frameworks that can be used to create interventions and develop research
- Includes case studies demonstrating how theory is applicable to research and practice
- Facilitates critical thinking with different and sometimes competing perspectives
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