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The 190 evidence-based protocols offered here address a wide range of symptoms, disorders, and emergencies affecting those 50 and older. Flip quickly to the right symptom and ask the questions listed there to determine whether the individual requires emergency, same-day, or home care. Whether you are in family practice or are a triage nurse working at a hospital, urgent care center, or insurance company, this is the go-to reference to keep by your side.

Advance your evidence-based triage skills and protocols with:

- Easy-to-follow flowchart format that leads you from yes-or-no questions to assessment, recommendations, and clear instructions
- 190 protocols that cover the most common conditions faced by aging adults - all body systems, plus weakness, falls, loss of memory, poor appetite, medication interaction problems, and more
- Alpha-organized table of contents that helps you locate symptoms quickly
- Contents also organized by body system for quick-find protocols
- Protocols that have symptom-based titles and address issues affecting all body systems, such as abdominal pain and swelling, alcohol problems, allergic reactions, altered mental status, asthma, earache, elder abuse, joint pain/swelling, and more
- All protocols reviewed by a team of nursing experts
- Action column of each protocol that presents emergency actions first
- Coverage of the legal aspects of triage
- Tools and sample forms - telephone triage protocol form, triage documentation form, triage log, skills assessment, call documentation review, and teaching self-assessment guide

Chapter features include:

- Key Questions - name, age, onset, medications, pain scale, associated symptoms, and history
- Other Protocols to Consider - lists related protocols and their page numbers
- Health Alert - additional information to consider when choosing a protocol, with additional resources listed
- Assessment Questions and Actions - with specific actions under each yes-or-no answer
- Home Care Instructions - detailed instructions sections that explain care to be given before emergency
help arrives, while waiting for an appointment, or for ongoing home care.

**Report the Following Problems to Your PCP/Clinic/ED**
- symptoms or conditions that should be reported to their usual healthcare provider

**Seek Emergency Care Immediately if Any of the Following Occur**
- symptoms or conditions that require emergency care

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