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Correctional Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice

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A must-have for correctional nursing practitioners, educators, and students, it is also aimed at allied healthcare providers, researchers, and scholars as well as the many professionals who work in correctional settings.

Correctional registered nurses provide healthcare and related services, including advocacy, health education, preventive care, research, and clinical care. They work with a diverse and often underserved practice population, one within the jurisdiction of the criminal justice system and who are or who may become patients.

In this new edition you will discover the essentials of contemporary correctional nursing practice and a comprehensive delineation of the competent level of nursing practice and professional performance common to and expected from all types of correctional RNs. Of particular note in this edition: detailed discussions of the specialty's historical/legal aspects and its many practice roles and settings, as well as succinct guidance for ethical nursing practice in the correctional setting.

An RN in any corrections setting, then, must be qualified across an enormous range of healthcare work. The corrections nurse must be prepared to address patient needs including those associated with women's health, the full arc of the age continuum (from pediatric through geriatric), and end-of-life care. Further, RNs in such settings must understand and apply the concepts of primary care services that employ the skill sets of ambulatory care, community health, emergency, occupational health, public health, and school nursing.

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