

## Homemaker Home Health Aide On The Job Companion



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This is a digest of theory and skills related to home care practice at the home health aide level. The pocket version format is designed for use while working.

The purpose is to provide easily accessed references for home health aides when they are working in a home, assisted living situation, or a group home. It can also be used for review of a procedure or concepts in preparation for a case or cases. These objectives meet the needs of home health aides since they usually receive short term classroom and lab training prior to beginning work with clients. The aide in this setting is also working more autonomously than others at the same level of training, therefore the book provides a fast source for information.

The authors have designed this book for home health aides who are in training or have completed their coursework and are now practicing. It would perhaps be helpful for other beginning healthcare workers as well.

The book provides a consolidated review of subjects that would be presented in a home health aide or beginning nursing book. Each chapter provides an overview of a different fundamental nursing topic. Examples of areas covered are: infection control, body systems and disorders, and human developmental stages. When appropriate chapters also have guides for procedures with illustrations. There would be many benefits for a home health aide to own this book. As a pocket sized book, it is easy to tote. The direct writing style makes it easy to read and the illustrations for the procedures are simple and clear for quick guidance. The book also covers a broad range of topics which are useful when working with clients of any age range and any setting but specifically those in the home.

This pocket guide would be very useful as a quick reference source. Some content may be more of a review or relevant to a reader who has also read the textbook.

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