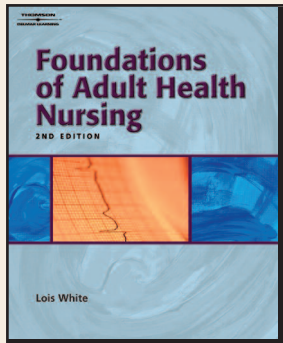


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This book provides a comprehensive coverage of common medical/surgical conditions most frequently encountered by vocational/practical nurses. This second edition, a split of the 2005 edition of *Foundations of Nursing*, contains revisions for inclusion of Nursing Management of each disorder, underscoring the importance of the nurse's role in provision of competent client care.

In order to present the comprehensive management of each medical/surgical condition, pharmacological, dietary, and activity aspects of treatment are indicated along with nursing management to provide a basis of holistic client care. The text appears to be as up-to-date as possible, considering the constant changes in medical treatment. Using special topics such as life cycle considerations, community/home health care, critical thinking and cultural considerations, specific information is highlighted.

This text is written for the practical/vocational nurse and contains all the fundamental information needed to develop an adult medical/surgical curriculum. It contains a variety of teaching methods-Nursing Care plans using Nursing Outcomes Classification (NOC) and Nursing Interventions Classification (NIC), Case Studies to encourage critical thinking in the nursing process of development of individualized client plans of care, as well as Summary and Review Questions, References/Suggested Readings, and Resources. The author, active in Nurse and Practical Nurse Examiners' Educational Advisory Committees and former faculty at DelMar College in Corpus Christi, Texas is well prepared to compile this text. In addition, her collaborators represent faculty across the country.

The text covers the presentation of conditions in medical/surgical clients grouped by units of function such as oxygenation and perfusion, digestion and elimination, mobility, coordination and regulation. The systems involved are discussed; medical/surgical management of the condition and its interrelated systems are presented; the nursing management is given; and then the nursing process is applied. Depth is provided by the inclusion of life cycle considerations, client teaching related to the disorder, and professional tips-to ensure quality care. Summary and review questions are used at the end of each chapter to reinforce the material and its use. The appendices provide a variety of unique offerings, including an immunization chart for children and adolescents, a Spanish dictionary of common words in nursing usage, and a list of abbreviations and acronyms.

As compared to other similar texts, this book contains a well-thought-out format for development of holistic nursing care. With well-placed emphasis on the user's understanding of the relationship of disorders to multiple body systems, and the discussion of cultural and age specific aspects of care, it offers an improvement over the standard medical /surgical text, which often treats each system separately.

- *Doody's Review*

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