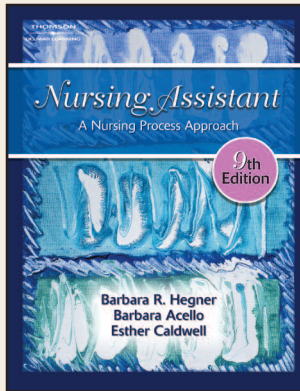


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This book presents essential information for instructors educating nursing assistants, following the national educational standards for nursing assistants. This ninth edition (previous edition 1999) includes expanded material on patient safety, personal safety, alternative therapies, and other treatment modalities.

The purpose is to provide tools for those faculty who are teaching nursing assistants. The emphasis is on protecting the rights and dignity of consumers by thorough training of our nursing assistants. These objectives are worthy and met.

The audience is faculty and students in nursing assistant programs. The authors are well known for their expertise in foundational assistive care.

This edition addresses many of the newer concepts that a nursing assistant faces today. The book covers all the basic skills necessary to perform the role of nursing assistant. In addition there is material on OSHA rules, CDC hand washing guidelines, advanced skills such as use of the defibrillator, cancer care, and pain management. Each chapter now has accompanying Web sites for more in-depth reading. The layout of the book with use of colorful illustrations helps bring the content to life and enhance understanding. The instructor has a comprehensive learning package that includes an instructor manual, computerized test bank and resource kit. There is a WebTutor® online site and video series for additional information making the teaching of the content easy. Student workbooks are also available. The book alerts call attention to key legal, safety, or best practices information. Each procedure is described in a stepwise fashion with accompanying illustration. Both of these features are great teaching and learning tools.

The user friendly format and comprehensiveness of the teaching/learning package makes it invaluable to faculty and students. The competing books were published more than three years ago and do not contain some of the more current information. The inclusion of new guidelines for practice and Web-based materials lends itself to the new modality of learning. This edition is well done.

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