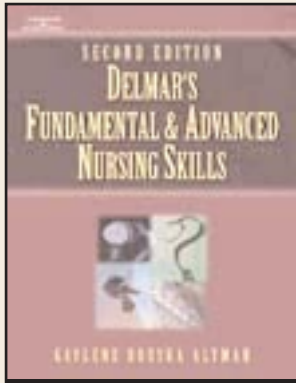


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By Gaylene Bouska Altman, RN, Ph.D.

This book presents basic and advanced nursing skills in a way to guide the nurse through the skill. Each skill is presented from a nursing process perspective including the evaluation of outcomes.

The purpose is to present concepts and actions that a novice or expert nurse might take in performing common clinical skills. Rationale for actions are included. These are worthy objectives and more than met.

The book's audience is the novice and advanced or expert nurse. It can be used by those in other disciplines who may need to perform these skills. The author is a leading authority in the field of healthcare skills and approaches the teaching of these skills from a very practical perspective.

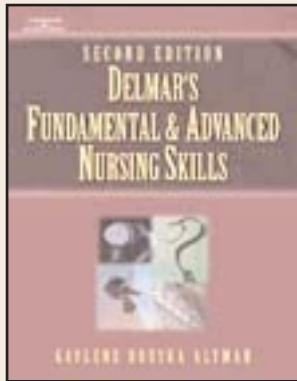
The first sections present the most common physical assessment and basic skills. Comfort care and safety are included. The last chapter consists of special procedures that generally require nursing assistance such as biopsy or arteriography. Each chapter presents how to prepare for a procedure/skill and what to do afterwards and special considerations are included. Each skill is taught in a stepwise fashion including the rationale, equipment, and time involved. Client education considerations are a strength in each section and client and nurse safety are stressed throughout. Real photos help the student or nurse recognize how skills should be done in real life situations. Videos accompany this book that cover half of the 203 skills which can be used to supplement the student's learning in a learning resource lab.

This book is very easy to follow and appeals to the reader through the use of colorful text boxes and photographs. It is up to date, practice oriented, and comprehensive which sets it apart from the competition. This second edition places more emphasis on time and special populations considerations, two issues that are important in today's healthcare arena.

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As the title implies, this text examines basic nursing skills and how they build into the ability to complete advanced procedures. Delmar's Fundamental is note-worthy because it is centered around the day-to-day nursing process: rather than just serving as a classroom tool, the book can be used by nurses in the throes of caring for sick patients - giving the reader immediate and practical value.

In today's world of medical care, the nurse's role has expanded greatly. Today, nurses are expected to be able to know and do more, while taking care of many more patients. Accordingly, the stresses which affect their working environments have multiplied. Given these changes in working conditions, nurses must be better prepared to perform their duties and care for the sick. And that's where Delmar's Fundamental comes into play.

In its second edition, the text offers step-by-step instruction for nurses in physical assessment/examination, safety and infection control, patient care, basic care, medication administration, nutrition, elimination, oxygenation, circulation, wound care, immobilization/ support and special procedures as related to nursing care. Within these topic areas, Altman (who is an RN and Ph.D. from the University of Washington) expertly augments the basic material by discussing issues such as when a nurse should and shouldn't delegate tasks to an unlicensed aide. This is very important information because of the legal ramifications which could result from the wrong decision (see: Library Advisory on Industry News Page for a review of the Nurse Practitioner's Legal Reference). In addition, there is also a nice section on the typical errors nurses make and how these gaffes can be avoided.

Recommended to all nurses as a day-to-day reference. Appropriate as a teaching text for its clarity and exhaustive coverage of the topic areas. Further recommended to all college and university libraries with nursing programs as a general reference text.

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