

Foundations of Nursing in the Community



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With concise, focused coverage of nursing in the community, this easy-to-read textbook provides the essential information you need to know for clinical practice - from nursing roles and care settings to vulnerable population groups. It features a practical, community-oriented approach, with an emphasis on health promotion and disease prevention.

Separate chapters on the various roles and settings for community health nursing, including faith community nurse, home health nurse, school nurse, occupational health nurse, and governmental public health roles, provides a comprehensive perspective on these fields. A detailed discussion of vulnerable populations presents theoretical, assessment, and intervention concepts to help you understand the unique issues of this group. Coverage of specific vulnerable populations includes clients in rural settings, migrant workers, pregnant teens, the homeless, those with substance abuse problems, and clients with mental illness. What Would You Do? activities strengthen your problem-solving skills and challenge you to apply chapter material outside the classroom. Case studies illustrate how key textbook concepts can be applied to real-world community nursing situations. Level of Prevention boxes identify specific interventions for primary, secondary, and tertiary levels of prevention and

emphasize the importance of a preventive approach in community-oriented nursing. Evidence-Based Practice boxes focus on recent research findings and how they can be applied to community nursing practice. Healthy People 2010 boxes discuss how national public health efforts impact community health practice. Practice Applications present real-life community client situations followed by questions and answers.

A new chapter on surveillance and outbreak investigation explores the importance of collection, analysis, and interpretation of health data to maintain public health and resolve problems in communicable/infectious diseases, chronic diseases, and terroristic events. A combined health education and group practice chapter discusses community- and population-level education within the context of families, groups, and communities. Enhanced coverage of the Minnesota Intervention Wheel introduces you to this public health nursing model and further explains the wheel and its components.

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