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Best Care at Lower Cost

Uniquely organized around the AONE competencies, this trusted resource gives you an easy-to-understand, in-depth look at today's most prevalent nursing leadership and management topics. Coverage features the most up-to-date, research-based blend of practice and theory related to topics such as: the nursing professional's role in law and ethics, staffing and scheduling, delegation, cultural considerations, care management, human resources, outcomes management, safe work environments, preventing employee injury, and time and stress management. UNIQUE! Chapters divided according to AONE competencies for nurse leaders, managers, and executives. Research Notes in each chapter summarize relevant nursing leadership and management studies and highlight practical applications of research findings. Case Studies at the end of each chapter present real-world leadership and management situations and illustrate how key concepts can be applied to actual practice. Critical Thinking Questions at the end of each chapter present clinical situations followed by critical thinking questions to help you reflect on chapter content, critically analyze the information, and apply it to the situation. NEW! Full-color design makes content more vivid and realistic. NEW! Chapter on Communication and Care Coordination covers these integral

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topics. NEW! Updates to critical thinking exercises, case studies, research notes, and references offer the most current information. NEW! Updated sections on Current Issues and Trends reflect the latest topics in the field. NEW! Relevant Web Sites boxes provide authoritative resources for additional research.

Government Reports Announcements & Index

Take That Nursing Home and Shove It!

Analyzes the care of the elderly and describes available services in 32 representative countries.

Community Health Nursing

Transnational Aging

The Future of Nursing explores how nurses' roles, responsibilities, and education should change significantly to meet the increased demand for care that will be created by health care reform and to advance improvements in America's

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increasingly complex health system. At more than 3 million in number, nurses make up the single largest segment of the health care work force. They also spend the greatest amount of time in delivering patient care as a profession. Nurses therefore have valuable insights and unique abilities to contribute as partners with other health care professionals in improving the quality and safety of care as envisioned in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) enacted this year. Nurses should be fully engaged with other health professionals and assume leadership roles in redesigning care in the United States. To ensure its members are well-prepared, the profession should institute residency training for nurses, increase the percentage of nurses who attain a bachelor's degree to 80 percent by 2020, and double the number who pursue doctorates. Furthermore, regulatory and institutional obstacles -- including limits on nurses' scope of practice -- should be removed so that the health system can reap the full benefit of nurses' training, skills, and knowledge in patient care. In this book, the Institute of Medicine makes recommendations for an action-oriented blueprint for the future of nursing.

Reichel's Care of the Elderly

"[This book is] the most authoritative assessment of the advantages and disadvantages of recent trends toward the commercialization of health care," says Robert Pear of The New York Times. This major study by the Institute of Medicine examines virtually all aspects of for-profit health care in the United States,

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including the quality and availability of health care, the cost of medical care, access to financial capital, implications for education and research, and the fiduciary role of the physician. In addition to the report, the book contains 15 papers by experts in the field of for-profit health care covering a broad range of topics--from trends in the growth of major investor-owned hospital companies to the ethical issues in for-profit health care. "The report makes a lasting contribution to the health policy literature."--Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law.

Unloving Care

Significant demographic changes are altering the structure of the American population. Larger numbers of immigrants are entering the work force, will become part of our aging population, and increasingly, are providing care for the elderly. Family structures and communities are evolving as marriage, childbearing, divorce, and cohabitation trends are changing. The working population that supports the elderly, physically and economically, is also changing and will most likely become smaller and less able to support this growing population. What does this mean for the well-being of our aging population and our efforts to ensure the quality of life for our elderly now and that we will want to enjoy ourselves as we become part of this older population? In this volume Drs. Schaie and Uhlenberg and a host of leading scholars look at the current structure of the American population in an effort to determine the impact it will have on the lives of the elderly and those

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growing older with disabilities and chronic illness. They examine the effects of the aging baby boomers on health care, migration and immigration and how it can support or tax health care networks, cultural issues regarding access to health care, and changing cultural attitudes towards marriage and family that are affecting the relationships between the elderly and their communities.

International Handbook on Services for the Elderly

The anthrax incidents following the 9/11 terrorist attacks put the spotlight on the nation's public health agencies, placing it under an unprecedented scrutiny that added new dimensions to the complex issues considered in this report. The Future of the Public's Health in the 21st Century reaffirms the vision of Healthy People 2010, and outlines a systems approach to assuring the nation's health in practice, research, and policy. This approach focuses on joining the unique resources and perspectives of diverse sectors and entities and challenges these groups to work in a concerted, strategic way to promote and protect the public's health. Focusing on diverse partnerships as the framework for public health, the book discusses: The need for a shift from an individual to a population-based approach in practice, research, policy, and community engagement. The status of the governmental public health infrastructure and what needs to be improved, including its interface with the health care delivery system. The roles nongovernment actors, such as academia, business, local communities and the

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media can play in creating a healthy nation. Providing an accessible analysis, this book will be important to public health policy-makers and practitioners, business and community leaders, health advocates, educators and journalists.

International Journal of Sociology of the Family

Aging is a process that encompasses virtually all aspects of life. Because the speed of population aging is accelerating, and because the data needed to study the aging process are complex and expensive to obtain, it is imperative that countries coordinate their research efforts to reap the most benefits from this important information. Preparing for an Aging World looks at the behavioral and socioeconomic aspects of aging, and focuses on work, retirement, and pensions; wealth and savings behavior; health and disability; intergenerational transfers; and concepts of well-being. It makes recommendations for a collection of new, cross-national data on aging populations—data that will allow nations to develop policies and programs for addressing the major shifts in population age structure now occurring. These efforts, if made internationally, would advance our understanding of the aging process around the world.

International Development Planning Review

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Does a longer life mean a healthier life? The number of adults over 65 in the United States is growing, but many may not be aware that they are at greater risk from foodborne diseases and their nutritional needs change as they age. The IOM's Food Forum held a workshop October 29-30, 2009, to discuss food safety and nutrition concerns for older adults.

Introduction to Health Care Economics & Financial Management

A journalist for The Washington Post offers an eyewitness account of the changes in China over the past forty years as he recalls his stint as a twenty-year-old exchange student from Stanford at China's Nanjing University and the lives of his Chinese classmates, in a study of the human cost of China's development.

For-Profit Enterprise in Health Care

Nursing knowledge and practice is a comprehensive textbook which forms an ideal basis for foundation nursing students. The core emphasis in the organisation and presentation of knowledge in this third edition remains focused on the in-depth knowledge required by nurses to deliver care in the practice setting. The chapter contents encompass knowledge that applies to all branches of nursing e.g.

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Communication, Confusion, Aggression and Rehabilitation Safety and Risk, Infection Control, Medicines etc. The structure of all chapters is unique in integrating knowledge from subject areas often taught separately in the nursing curriculum. This enables the foundation student to integrate this range of knowledge in making decisions about the delivery of nursing care to patients/clients in all fields of nursing. Exercises are included to encourage reflection on practice and develop critical thinking skills. It also promotes the expansion of professional knowledge through the development of portfolio evidence. Building on the outstanding success of previous editions the authors have drawn extensively on current best evidence, including research, policy and substantial internet based resources, reflecting UK and international perspectives.

- Each chapter begins with an overview of the content and concludes with a summary to help evaluate learning
- Case studies reflect the diverse range of client needs and care settings of the four nursing branches and help relate theory to practice
- Reflective exercises and suggestions for portfolio evidence, along with decision-making activities, promote reflection on personal experience and links to nursing practice using a problem-based approach
- Current research is highlighted throughout, demonstrating the evidence-base for practice decisions.
- Key web sites, annotated further reading and references encourage readers to pursue contemporary evidence that underpins competency-based practice. Full colour throughout Content fully updated in line with developments in clinical practice, teaching requirements and the evidence-base Free electronic ancillaries on Evolve

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enhance the knowledge provided in each chapter with additional information, exercises and resources An introductory chapter on 'Nursing Knowledge and Practice' explores the role and context of nursing, nationally and internationally, providing foundation information on core knowledge areas common to all nursing curricula.

Economics and Financial Management for Nurses and Nurse Leaders

"[This book] will serve as your guide before and after you come to the United States. [A] 'must-read' for every nurse who is contemplating migrating to the U.S." -Diana J. Mason, PhD, RN, FAAN This book is the only guide to the United States health care system for nurses immigrating to this country as well as foreign-educated nurses who are already here. The contributors provide a wealth of insight on how to address the challenges of being a foreign-educated nurse in the United States. Nurses can learn what is expected of them, how to prepare for the journey to the United States, and how to adapt to their new communities. The book can help foreign-educated nurses understand the health care system as well as their rights and roles within that system. Written in simple, accessible language, the guide will address the topics and issues that foreign-educated nurses care about, including living in the United States as a foreign-educated nurse, nursing practice

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in the United States, and the U.S. health care system. Key topics discussed: Preparing to leave the home country The process of entry into the U.S.A. Nursing education in the U.S.A. Understanding the U.S. health care system Employment challenges and guidelines for entering the U.S. workforce Foreign-educated nurses' roles, rights, and obligations Most importantly, this book will help foreign-educated nurses learn how to avoid being misunderstood by others, form enduring relationships with American colleagues, and join them in working to improve the quality of health care in this country--and worldwide.

Geriooperative Nursing Care

Patient Safety and Quality

Now in its Fourth Edition, this transcultural nursing text conveys the importance of diverse cultural knowledge for the evaluation of patient outcomes, understanding persons in clinical settings and appropriate responses to clinical situations during the nurse/client interaction. Detailed theory is discussed and each chapter contains awareness exercises to ensure comprehension of the nursing role as trusted health care providers. Coverage includes cultural variation in lifestyle, communication and beliefs. New to this edition is a two-color design; revised content on assessment

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and applications of concepts; a new chapter on culturally appropriate interventions; and, more case studies, research studies and clinical vignettes.

The Future of Nursing

Social and behavioral science has for decades studied and recognized leadership as a social exchange between leaders and followers. But leadership is rather complex, and as such, it tends to lead to an increased interest within and across different disciplines. This book is an attempt to provide theoretical and empirical framework to better understand leadership challenges in various contexts. The authors cover an array of themes that span from an individual level to an organizational and societal level. In this volume, two sections are presented. The first section based on individual level focuses on different leadership styles and abilities, and the other section provides theories to understand leadership in public administration, in industrial settings and in nonprofit organizations.

Emergency Nursing Core Curriculum E-Book

This text presents basic concepts of economics and tools for financial management in the health care arena, including budgeting, breakeven analysis, financial reporting, business plan preparation, and grant writing. The text includes practical

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case examples drawn from actual health care settings to relate theory to real-world practice. A sample grant proposal and unique grant writing chapter will prepare students for this critical aspect of management. A free, back-of-book CD-ROM provides sample worksheets for analyzing budgets and determining breakeven points, cost-benefit, and cost-effectiveness, as well as sample budgets. Students can use the worksheets to apply their own data and complete their own analyses.

International Encyclopedia of Public Health

Illustrated, easy to find information about procedures, conditions and nursing skills.

Ageing and the Labor Market in Japan

"Who is a nurse?" and "What is nursing?" seem to be simple questions yet the answers are strangely elusive. This book explores the variations in structure and organization of the nursing workforce across the different countries of Europe. This diversity, and the reasons for it, are of more than academic interest. The work of nurses has always had a critical impact on patient outcomes. As health systems shift radically in response to rising demand, the role of nurses becomes even more important. This book is part of a two-volume study on the contributions that nurses

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make to strengthening health systems. This is the first time that the topic of nursing has been dealt with at length within the Observatory Health Policy Series. The aim is to raise the profile of nursing within health policy and draw the attention of decision-makers. Part 1 is a series of national case studies drawn from Belgium, England, Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. The countries were chosen as the subject of a large EU-funded study of nursing (RN4Cast). Lithuania and Slovenia were added to provide broader geographical and policy reach. Part 2, to be published later this year, will provide thematic analysis of important policy issues such as quality of care, workforce planning, education and training, regulation and migration. The lessons learned from comparative case-study analysis demonstrate wide variation in every dimension of the workforce. It examines what a nurse is; nurse-to-doctor and nurse-to-population ratios; the education, regulation and issuing of credentials to nurses; and the planning of the workforce. While comparative analysis across countries brings these differences into sharp relief, it also reveals how the EU functions as an important "binding agent," drawing these diverse elements together into a more coherent whole.

The Journal of Nursing Education

The author, a U.S. elder law attorney, uses real-life examples to illustrate how to evaluate current nursing home practices and policies, along with alternative care

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and associated living choices available for older adults; includes appendices with a nursing home visit evaluation checklist for prospective residents and their family and home care licensing guidelines by state.

Foreign Labor Trends

International Encyclopedia of Public Health, Second Edition is an authoritative and comprehensive guide to the major issues, challenges, methods, and approaches of global public health. Taking a multidisciplinary approach, this new edition combines complementary scientific fields of inquiry, linking biomedical research with the social and life sciences to address the three major themes of public health research, disease, health processes, and disciplines. This book helps readers solve real-world problems in global and local health through a multidisciplinary and comprehensive approach. Covering all dimensions of the field, from the details of specific diseases, to the organization of social insurance agencies, the articles included cover the fundamental research areas of health promotion, economics, and epidemiology, as well as specific diseases, such as cancer, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, and reproductive health. Additional articles on the history of public health, global issues, research priorities, and health and human rights make this work an indispensable resource for students, health researchers, and practitioners alike. Provides the most comprehensive, high-level, internationally focused reference work available on public health Presents an invaluable resource

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for both researchers familiar with the field and non-experts requiring easy-to-find, relevant, global information and a greater understanding of the wider issues
Contains interdisciplinary coverage across all aspects of public health Incorporates biomedical and health social science issues and perspectives Includes an international focus with contributions from global domain experts, providing a complete picture of public health issues

Core Curriculum for Critical Care Nursing - E-Book

Family caregiving affects millions of Americans every day, in all walks of life. At least 17.7 million individuals in the United States are caregivers of an older adult with a health or functional limitation. The nation's family caregivers provide the lion's share of long-term care for our older adult population. They are also central to older adults' access to and receipt of health care and community-based social services. Yet the need to recognize and support caregivers is among the least appreciated challenges facing the aging U.S. population. Families Caring for an Aging America examines the prevalence and nature of family caregiving of older adults and the available evidence on the effectiveness of programs, supports, and other interventions designed to support family caregivers. This report also assesses and recommends policies to address the needs of family caregivers and to minimize the barriers that they encounter in trying to meet the needs of older adults.

Social Structures

The Future of the Public's Health in the 21st Century

This textbook aims to meet the challenges and opportunities of community health issues within the nursing process. Epidemiological concepts are explained using population statistics. It provides guidance for handling situations, creating patient education materials and writing care plans.

Foreign Service Journal

"Ms. Penner does an excellent job of presenting the information and using case examples to increase the readers understanding of the various concepts. While I expected this book to be informative I was surprised by how interesting it is. I would highly recommend this book to any nurse entrepreneur."--Nurse Entrepreneur Network "This is an excellent book for an undergraduate nursing program."--Doody's Medical Reviews This is a key health care financial management textbook designed to build the economics and financial management skills nurses and nurse leaders need to use daily. This second edition provides several new features that will add to its value as a timely and highly relevant text

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for RN-to-BSN, BSN, and MSN students in a variety of academic nursing programs. It is aligned with the standards established by AONE, AACN, and other health care professional organizations for economics and financial management education. The text has been significantly revised to simplify its content and to be useful within both traditional in-class formats and hybrid and on-line distance courses and programs. The book provides multiple opportunities for experiential learning such as writing business plans and health program grant proposals. It delivers enhanced discussions of cost-benefit analysis and cost-effectiveness analysis, discusses budget preparation, offers strategies for controlling budget costs, and updates health reform policy, health care spending, and other relevant policies and statistics. The text discusses patient advocacy and interdisciplinary teamwork as they relate to economic and financial issues. Its engaging format promotes the synthesis of economics and finance across the nursing curriculum through the use of case examples, end-of-chapter exercises, discussion questions, and games based on concepts within the text. Additionally, tips throughout the book alert students about the need to apply concepts from other aspects of their education to economic and financial situations. The text also includes on-line supplemental material for teachers and students including Excel spreadsheets, games, a test bank, and PowerPoint slides. Key Features: Aligned with AACN and AONE guidelines Serves as a primary financial management text for a great variety of nursing academic programs Facilitates experiential learning through end-of-chapter exercises, games, tips for synthesizing knowledge, and case examples Designed

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for use in traditional classrooms and for hybrid and on-line distance programs
Presents new chapter on measuring nursing care with indicators for capacity, staffing, patient acuity, performance, and patient flow

Providing Healthy and Safe Foods As We Age

Whether you are a new or an experienced emergency nurse, you'll find that the Emergency Nursing Core Curriculum, 6th Edition is an essential tool for your practice. Authored by the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA), this highly-respected resource will help you build and verify your knowledge, develop practice standards, improve quality of care, and educate nursing staff as well as patients and families. The Emergency Nursing Core Curriculum, 6th Edition is also the ideal resource to help you prepare for the Certification for Emergency Nurses (CEN) exam. Authored by ENA, you can rely on this text to be the most authoritative and up-to-date resource available. The text's outline format and alphabetical listing of the Clinical Emergencies chapters mean you can find the information you need - fast! The most recent CEN examination content is included to ensure that you're prepared and confident. Nine new chapters incorporate the latest information about: Triage Complementary and Alternative Therapies Cultural Dimensions and Emergency Nursing End-of-Life Issues in the Emergency Department Hemodynamic Monitoring Hematologic/Oncologic Emergencies Mechanism of Injury Weapons of Mass Destruction Forensic Nursing Practice A new unit on trauma

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emergencies reorganizes information from the previous edition to help you more easily find the facts you need. More illustrations and tables are included to enhance your understanding of key information.

Contemporary Japan

This book focuses on the diverse interrelationships between aging and transnationality. It argues that the lives of older people are increasingly entangled in transnational contexts on the social as well as the cultural, economic and political levels. Within these contexts, older people both actively contribute to and are affected by border-crossing processes. In addition, while some may voluntarily opt for adding a transnational dimension to their lives, others may have less choice in the matter. Transnational aging, therefore, provides a critical lens on how older people shape, organize and cope with life in contexts that are no longer bound to the frame of a single nation-state. Accordingly, the book emphasizes the agency of older people as well as the personal and structural constraints of their situations. The chapters in this book reveal these aspects by approaching transnational aging from different methodological angles, such as ethnographic research, comparative studies, quantitative data, and policy and discourse analysis. Geographically, the chapters cover a wide range of countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, North and South America, such as Namibia, Thailand, Russia, Germany, the United States and Ecuador.

Families Caring for an Aging America

As the first of the nation's 78 million baby boomers begin reaching age 65 in 2011, they will face a health care workforce that is too small and woefully unprepared to meet their specific health needs. Retooling for an Aging America calls for bold initiatives starting immediately to train all health care providers in the basics of geriatric care and to prepare family members and other informal caregivers, who currently receive little or no training in how to tend to their aging loved ones. The book also recommends that Medicare, Medicaid, and other health plans pay higher rates to boost recruitment and retention of geriatric specialists and care aides. Educators and health professional groups can use Retooling for an Aging America to institute or increase formal education and training in geriatrics. Consumer groups can use the book to advocate for improving the care for older adults. Health care professional and occupational groups can use it to improve the quality of health care jobs.

Nursing Knowledge and Practice E-Book

This book is a concerted attempt by economists to investigate and offer remedies for some of the difficulties associated with an ageing labor market.

Leininger's Transcultural Nursing: Concepts, Theories, Research & Practice, Fourth Edition

The Most Comprehensive Presentation of Transcultural Nursing Concepts Featuring the Newly Revised Sunrise Enabler! Leininger's Transcultural Nursing: Concepts, Theories, Research & Practices, Fourth Edition offers theoretical and practical guidance on the provision of client-focused care by integrating cultural values, beliefs, and lifeways into an individualized plan of care. Transcultural nursing is a vital, holistic approach that allows nurses and other healthcare providers to provide culturally congruent care for individuals, families, groups, and organizations within a context that is meaningful, beneficial, and inclusive of their healthcare values, beliefs, practices, traditions, communication styles, diverse roles, dietary preferences, and more. The text presents a global comparative perspective about Western and non-Western cultures and examines the future direction of transcultural nursing with insights into rural and urban cultures in the United States including the culture care of homeless mothers and children. The book chapters cover such topics as transcultural nursing, research, and healthcare in Kenya, Southeast Asia, Haiti, Syria, and Taiwan as well as translational research, globalization, conflict resolution, mental health considerations, Ayurvedic medicine, genetics and genomics in healthcare, integration of care and caring, and an overview of transcultural history, concepts, and principles. Leininger's

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Transcultural Nursing: Concepts, Theories, Research, and Practices was edited by two experts in the field and uses Leininger's Theory of Culture Care Diversity and Universality and the Ethnonursing Research Method to provide a useful blend of theory and practical clinical information.

Leadership and Nursing Care Management - E-Book

"The authors of this book share decades of geriatric perioperative nursing care experience with readers in a thorough, systematic manner.[This book] would be an excellent addition to the library of any health care professional, especially a perioperative nurse, who provides care to older adults."--AORN Journal, the official publication of the Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses "This is a solid, well thought out book. The text has a clarity and focus which enhances understanding of the topics presented. It is particularly notable for crisp reading and uncomplicated, meaningful illustrations. Kudos to the authors for presenting such a medically solid book without losing the art of nursing care or the vision of a well tended patient."--Nursing News This timely volume introduces geriooperative care, a new model of surgical care for the elderly designed to improve surgical outcomes and prevent complications through a focus on communication and relationship-centered care. It is the only book to specifically address the care of older adults undergoing surgery, providing practitioners with critical, practical, and theoretical information from the initial decision to have surgery through the first

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follow-up visit post-discharge. The text includes the anatomy and physiology of aging, preoperative care, intraoperative and post-anesthesia care, postoperative care, returning home, risk appraisal, education, prevention, early intervention, multidisciplinary team collaboration, and effective communication across all systems of care. Gerioperative Nursing Care is an essential resource for students and practitioners of surgical, critical/acute care, and geriatric nursing, along with clinical and case managers. The tools presented help to sustain and enhance quality nursing care for older adults considering surgery, undergoing surgery, and during post-surgery visits. Key Features Presents a comprehensive new gerioperative care model for older adults undergoing surgery Follows patient from primary to follow up care, including hospital care, ambulatory care, emergency and elective surgery, and perioperative care Applies primary, secondary, and tertiary care concepts to surgery Presents innovative focus on case management, with new care guidelines Provides new applications in preoperative training, family coaching, and post-operative cognitive dysfunction prevention Describes how to make quality improvements in current surgical care practices Identifies and discusses major health problems of older adults through EBP Includes case studies with discussion questions

Nursing Times

A leading public-health expert brings to light the shocking conditions in America's

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nursing homes today and pinpoints the tragic mistakes in public policy that have contributed toward producing these conditions

Chinese Lessons

The second edition of this comprehensive study of recent Japanese history now includes the author's expert assessment of the effects of the earthquake and tsunami, including the political and environmental consequences of the Fukushima reactor meltdown. Fully updated to include a detailed assessment of the aftermath of the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami Shows how the nuclear crisis at Fukushima was an accident waiting to happen Includes detailed discussion of Japan's energy policy, now in flux after the mishandling of the Fukushima crisis Analyzes Japan's 'Lost Decades', why jobs and families are less stable, environmental policies, immigration, the aging society, the US alliance, the imperial family, and the 'yakuza' criminal gangs Authoritative coverage of Japanese history over the last two decades, one of the country's most tumultuous periods

Contemporary Leadership Challenges

America's health care system has become too complex and costly to continue business as usual. *Best Care at Lower Cost* explains that inefficiencies, an

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overwhelming amount of data, and other economic and quality barriers hinder progress in improving health and threaten the nation's economic stability and global competitiveness. According to this report, the knowledge and tools exist to put the health system on the right course to achieve continuous improvement and better quality care at a lower cost. The costs of the system's current inefficiency underscore the urgent need for a systemwide transformation. About 30 percent of health spending in 2009--roughly \$750 billion--was wasted on unnecessary services, excessive administrative costs, fraud, and other problems. Moreover, inefficiencies cause needless suffering. By one estimate, roughly 75,000 deaths might have been averted in 2005 if every state had delivered care at the quality level of the best performing state. This report states that the way health care providers currently train, practice, and learn new information cannot keep pace with the flood of research discoveries and technological advances. About 75 million Americans have more than one chronic condition, requiring coordination among multiple specialists and therapies, which can increase the potential for miscommunication, misdiagnosis, potentially conflicting interventions, and dangerous drug interactions. Best Care at Lower Cost emphasizes that a better use of data is a critical element of a continuously improving health system, such as mobile technologies and electronic health records that offer significant potential to capture and share health data better. In order for this to occur, the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, IT developers, and standard-setting organizations should ensure that these systems are robust and interoperable.

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Clinicians and care organizations should fully adopt these technologies, and patients should be encouraged to use tools, such as personal health information portals, to actively engage in their care. This book is a call to action that will guide health care providers; administrators; caregivers; policy makers; health professionals; federal, state, and local government agencies; private and public health organizations; and educational institutions.

Transcultural Concepts in Nursing Care

"Nurses play a vital role in improving the safety and quality of patient care -- not only in the hospital or ambulatory treatment facility, but also of community-based care and the care performed by family members. Nurses need to know what proven techniques and interventions they can use to enhance patient outcomes. To address this need, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), with additional funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, has prepared this comprehensive, 1,400-page, handbook for nurses on patient safety and quality -- *Patient Safety and Quality: An Evidence-Based Handbook for Nurses*. (AHRQ Publication No. 08-0043)."--Online AHRQ blurb, <http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/nursesfdbk>.

Retooling for an Aging America

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From the experts at the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN), comes the definitive resource on administering quality nursing care to critically ill patients. The 6th edition has been updated to reflect the current state of critical care nursing practice and includes new content on the AACN Synergy Model, professional care and ethical practice, and critical care patients with special needs, as well as the most current literature and clinical studies. The clear and logical format makes this book an ideal study tool for critical care nursing orientation and continuing education programs. By covering the newest content on the CCRN exam, it also serves as an important resource for nurses preparing for critical care certification. Authored by the experts at the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses. Reflects the most recent blueprint of the CCRN examination. Content spans basic to advanced levels with an emphasis on nursing practice. Organized by body system and written in a concise outline format for ease of use. Coverage of the AACN Synergy Model is featured in the new opening chapter. Professional Care and Ethical Practice is integrated into the Core Curriculum series framework. A new chapter on Critical Care Patients with Special Needs includes bariatric and geriatric patients in critical care, as well as high-risk obstetric patients. Features new content on chest tubes, liver transplantation for acute liver failure, spirituality, and spiritual aspects of care. Integrates pain as the 5th vital sign and includes JCAHO, HCFA, and AHCPA guidelines relating to pain management. Features AHRQ evidence-based practice guidelines as reference sources for practice interventions. New organization for Patient Care presents patient problems, needs, etc. in order

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of clinical priority. Expanded Nursing Interventions includes considerations related to patient/family education, patient transfer, and discharge planning. Web-based resources for CDC, AHA, NINR, National Guideline Clearinghouse, NIH Consensus Conference Proceedings, ADA.

Strengthening Health Systems Through Nursing

Preparing for an Aging World

Reichel's formative text is designed as a practical guide for health specialists confronted with the unique problems of geriatric patients.

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