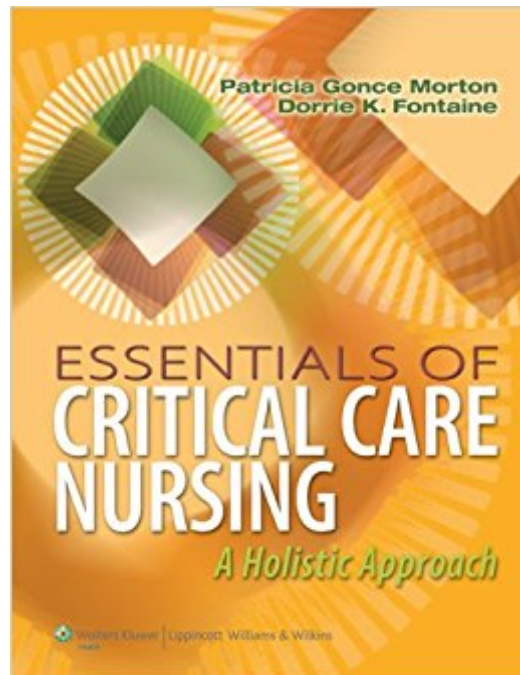




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# Essentials Of Critical Care Nursing: A Holistic Approach



## Synopsis

Essentials of Critical Care Nursing: A Holistic Approach focuses on the most common disorders and technologies encountered by a critical care nurse today. It includes enough depth to enhance the reader's full understanding of important topics and fully prepares the student for practice. The clear, concise writing style assists students in understanding the pathophysiological basis for illness and the strategies the critical care nurse uses in assessing and managing patients. This text contains information about important psychosocial concepts, legal and ethical issues, history and physical examinations, key laboratory and diagnostic tests, as well as key nursing interventions used in critical care. Each chapter contains learning objectives to help focus the reader and a case study with critical thinking study questions that guide the student's knowledge to practical application. Specially designed features appear throughout the text to assist students in providing competent and compassionate care to critically ill patients and their families: Drug Therapy tables summarize information related to the administration and monitoring of drug therapy such as adverse effects, contraindications to use, measures that should be taken before administering the drug, as well as how to monitor a patient receiving the medication. Diagnostic Tests tables present significant diagnostic test information including the purpose and method of testing, normal values, abnormal values, and nursing implications. The Older Patient notes, appearing within the flow of the text, highlight information related to assessing and caring for older patients in the critical care setting. Red Flag notes, also appearing throughout the text, highlight information that will help a critical care nurse recognize a serious problem or life-threatening change in a patient's condition. Collaborative Care Guides contain outcomes and interventions and describe how the health care team works together to manage a patient's illness and minimize complications. Evidence-Based Practice Highlights help the reader to understand the importance of research-based practice and its implications for nursing. Health History boxes summarize aspects of the history that are important to explore to gain insight into the patient's current critical health problem.

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Required text for Complex Medical-Surgical Nursing. It is very straightforward to read and is easier than most nursing textbooks to understand. The only complaint I have is that it is not very comprehensive - it's a thin book, so it doesn't go very in-depth with conditions and treatments.

This book is a basic nursing school textbook. Lots of helpful illustrations, nursing interventions, and other tables and charts. I wish this book had a glossary for quick reference to terms. The section on respiratory interventions, mechanical ventilation, airway management is hard to follow and many of the explanations seem identical to other terms and ventilation modes.

Needed for my current critical care class, to supplement my lggy med-surg book.

Let me start by saying, only purchase this book if its required for a course you are taking, and then, only if its absolutely necessary to have it for said class. This book is a waste of time! It will do as much to confuse you as to help you with your studies.1. There are egregious errors in this text! (e.g. wrong drug written for treatment of a condition being discussed, incorrect information regarding a condition) I personally found maybe 2 or 3 such errors. These errors do not just appear to be editing bloopers either, as they were repeated more than once in the chapters.2. Information within the text is at times incredibly brief and leaves you wandering "where's the rest of it?" This text is by NO MEANS exhaustive on the topics they cover.3. I hate to give anything a one star review, so I'll bring up a positive about the book. Its clearly written, making it easy for just about anyone with some health sciences background able to read it almost novel style. It's a whole lot better than some other books I've studied from in the past, where the information just seems to be smashed together in paragraphs that don't seem to flow together. This book does a good job of keeping the content flowing and logical.Overall, it would not be that bad of a text if it did not contain the outrageous

errors that it does.

Great!

Just what I needed!

Great book!

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