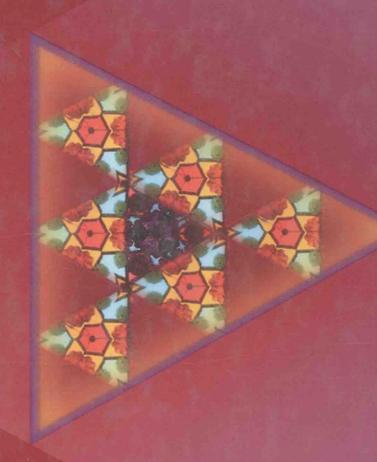
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Preface

As the end of the 20th century approaches, the health care system and nursing, as an integral part of that system, are entering a new era characterized by heretofore unknown challenges. With health care shifting from the acute care hospital to community-based settings and the home in an effort to reduce costs of health care, the profession of nursing and nurses are faced with the need to respond to an array of demands and changes.

The "graying of America" reflects the aging of the population and an increasing incidence of chronic illnesses among the patients in our care. The ethnic and cultural characteristics of patients, clients, and health care providers alike are becoming more diverse. The beliefs and values of nurses that health and health care are important and that people have a vital role in maintaining their own health may conflict with the beliefs and values of other cultures. The problem of homelessness in individuals and whole families creates a challenge and dilemma to the nurse whose goal for patients is optimal health and well-being. It creates a dilemma for nurses who take for granted the availability of shelter, food, and clothing.

Acute care hospitals promote discharge of patients as early as possible because of financial losses incurred if patients are hospitalized beyond the number of days for which the hospital receives reimbursement. At the same time, nurses must consider the well-being of patients as their families reorganize their lives so they can assume care for the patient who is discharged within days of major surgery or acute illness. The need to discharge patients from the hospital while they are in the very early stages of recovery creates challenges for the nurse who must teach the patient and family about detection, prevention, and management of complications that previously were attended to during hospitalization. The need to begin discharge planning often before the patient is hospitalized for surgery requires new approaches to planning and implementing interventions to ensure the patient's recovery and well-being.

As nurses deal with these changes in the health care system, they are also called upon to respond to changes related to technologic and scientific advances in health care. Examples of these changes include the discovery of new genetic markers that provide information about a patient's likelihood of developing potentially fatal or disabling diseases in the future and advanced technologies and therapeutic regimens that enable the survival of those who previously would have succumbed to their illness or injury. As these changes are occurring, patients are taking on an increasingly active role in decision making about their own health care. Patients are urged to consider advanced directives and to make known their opinions and wishes about their own care.

Although the value of nurses' contributions to patient care has been acknowledged in the past, the need for

nurses to take an active, more visible role in influencing health-related social policy at the local and national levels is becoming increasingly important because of the relationship between social issues, such as violence and drug abuse, and health. The proliferation of other categories of health care providers makes it imperative that nurses effectively articulate the contributions of nursing to health promotion and maintenance, disease prevention, and patient and family well-being. A voice at the table of decision-making about health policy and health-related social issues is critical if nursing as a profession is to thrive.

The changes and challenges described above make it essential that the nurse is knowledgeable about the problems faced by patients and their families during and following hospitalization and has well-developed critical-thinking skills that will allow examination of issues encountered in the course of providing care in the hospital, outpatient clinic, nursing center, community setting, and home. An understanding of the influences of culture and ethnicity on the patient and an ability to identify and analyze ethical issues in nursing practice are essential if the nurse is to provide the high-quality care that the public expects.

This edition of *Brunner and Suddarth's Textbook of Medical-Surgical Nursing* was written with today's changing health care system as a key focus.

Organization

The book is divided into 17 units, dealing with various aspects of health care and the physiologic disorders that constitute the essence of medical-surgical nursing.

Unit 1 addresses broad general issues in the current health care scene and in nursing education. Chapters in this unit deal with such topics as Health Care Delivery and Nursing Practice; Community-Based Nursing Practice; Critical Thinking and the Nursing Process; Health Teaching and Health Promotion; and Ethical Issues in Medical-Surgical Nursing.

Unit 2 describes the components of health assessment, including approaches to Clinical Interviewing and Physical Examination and Nutritional Assessment.

Unit 3 examines a range of biophysical and psychosocial concepts and includes chapters on Homeostasis and Pathophysiology; Stress and Adaptation; Human Response to Illness; Transcultural Perspectives in Nursing; and Health Care of the Older Adult.

Unit 4, Concepts and Challenges in Patient Management, addresses the topics of Pain Management; Fluids and Electrolytes; Shock and Multisystem Failure; Oncology; Chronic Illness; and Rehabilitation.

Unit 5 on Perioperative Concepts and Management provides the student with the general principles involved in preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative management. Individual chapters address each of these stages of perioperative nursing.

Units 6 to 16 focus on specific areas of human physiologic function and the dysfunctions associated with each of the major body systems. The areas covered include Oxygen–Carbon Dioxide Exchange and Respiratory Function; Cardiovascular, Circulatory, and Hematologic Function; Digestive and Gastrointestinal Function; Metabolic and Endocrine Function; Urinary and Renal Function; Reproductive Function; Immunologic Function; Integumentary Function; Sensorineural Function; Neurologic Function; and Musculoskeletal Function. Each body system unit includes chapters on assessment, general management and therapeutic interventions, and specific physiologic disorders and problems.

Unit 17, the last unit, deals with the acute problems of Infectious Diseases and Emergency Nursing.

New to This Edition

As expected with a new edition, the chapters throughout the book have been thoroughly reviewed and updated to ensure that the material reflects current information and developments.

- New chapters have been added to address the pressing issues and new concepts mentioned earlier in the Preface:
 Chapter 2: Community-Based Nursing Practice
 Chapter 3: Critical Thinking and the Nursing Process
 Chapter 11: Transcultural Perspectives in Nursing
 Chapter 15: Shock and Multisystem Failure
 - Chapter 17: Chronic Illness
 - Chapter 50: Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
- New elements to this edition include collaborative problems; examples of critical pathways; special charts and boxed displays on patient education, prevention, and health promotion guidelines; ethical decision-making situations; procedural guidelines; and critical thinking exercises at the end of each chapter. Each of these elements and other features are described in more detail in the following paragraphs.
- Full color has been introduced into this edition to provide a richer visual impact and to highlight the illustrations as well as the various display elements, charts, and tables.
- A clinical handbook, covering the major disorders encountered in medical-surgical nursing practice, accompanies this edition. The information is presented in outline format and offers the student a portable, easyto-use clinical reference.

Critical Thinking Emphasis

Nurses have traditionally drawn on their critical thinking skills in providing nursing care. However, with the changing health care scene, nurses are working in more diverse settings and with more independence; thus, the need to develop critical thinking skills early in the education process has become even more important. The text and its accompanying learning package provide several means for helping students develop and refine these essential thinking skills:

- Chapter 3, "Critical Thinking and the Nursing Process,"
 offers a general discussion of critical thinking along
 with specific guidelines for developing these skills. The
 student can thus obtain a solid overview of methods for
 applying critical thinking in the clinical setting.
- Critical Thinking Exercises at the end of each chapter provide the student with specific situations in which to apply thinking skills. Classroom discussion of students' responses to these exercises can provide a forum for exploring the different thinking processes involved in dealing with these situations.
- The Study Guide that accompanies the text contains additional critical thinking exercises and situations to further help students develop and refine their cognitive skills.
- A computer disc enclosed at the back of the book provides a self-testing medium for the student and offers the rationale for decision-making responses. Continued use of this computer program will enhance the student's ability to think critically.

Transcultural Awareness

The rich and varied cultural texture of our society requires a sensitive and open-minded approach in the delivery of health care. The text has attempted to increase an awareness of methods for caring for people from varied ethnic and cultural backgrounds:

- Chapter 11, "Transcultural Perspectives in Nursing," is devoted to this subject and offers specific guidelines and considerations in dealing with ethnic and cultural diversity in the health care setting.
- The Critical Thinking Exercises at the end of each chapter contain numerous instances of cultural diversity to reinforce this important consideration in nursing practice.

Special Features

- Nursing Process: The nursing process continues to be the focus for discussing the delivery of nursing care. As in previous editions, it is presented in a consistent format for most of the major disorders covered in the text. Assessment, Diagnosis (Nursing Diagnoses and Collaborative Problems), Planning and Implementation, Nursing Interventions, and Evaluation with Expected Outcomes represent the major framework for discussing the nursing process.
- Collaborative Problems: Since working collaboratively
 with other members of the health care team represents
 an essential nursing responsibility, collaborative problems have been incorporated into the nursing process
 framework as part of assessment and monitoring activities and as an important component of nursing interventions.
- Critical Pathways: Selected examples of critical pathways are included. These depict the manner in which

- cost containment goals based on DRGs have prompted hospitals to construct clinical management tools that delineate the daily collaborative activities that must be carried out within a set time frame to achieve identifiable patient outcomes.
- Care Plans: As in past editions, numerous care plans abound throughout the text and are based on the nursing process. Whereas critical pathways present broad-based collaborative activity involved in patient care, the nursing care plans delineate the specific nursing interventions to be carried out in delivering effective nursing care to achieve the desired patient outcomes.
- Patient Education Charts and Prevention and Health Promotion Guidelines: These charts and boxed displays underscore the importance of health promotion and preventive care as a key component of nursing practice. They highlight specific points related to guiding patients in promoting their health, preventing illness and carrying out self-care activity while recovering from specific illnesses.
- Procedure Guidelines: In selected instances when nursing care is based on procedural activity in a medical-surgical setting, the steps involved in carrying out the procedure are presented in chart form for easy access.
- Home Care Considerations: With so many patients being discharged early in the course of their recovery, home care and patient teaching have gained increasing importance in the delivery of health care. The activities involved in carrying out or overseeing care in the home, either through home care visits by the nurse or through family and patient teaching, are delineated for a wide range of disorders and are clearly highlighted under specific headings in the text. This specific information augments the general guidelines for home care delivery discussed in Chapter 2, "Community-Based Nursing Practice."
- Gerontologic Considerations: The increasing number of elderly people in our society requires that special attention be directed to the care of this segment of the population. Therefore, the text continues to include a special heading for discussing gerontologic considerations throughout the clinical chapters and devotes a full chapter to this topic: Chapter 12, "Health Care of the Older Adult."
- Research Profiles: The results of nursing research continue to influence nursing care. This edition retains the extremely popular Nursing Research Profile feature that appears at the end of the clinical units. These profiles contain a collection of key current research studies related to selected main topics covered in the unit. The student is thus given an overview of the diverse nature of the research that has been conducted and can gain an awareness and appreciation of the importance of such research to nursing practice.
- Chapter Outlines and Learning Objectives: The outlines and objectives that appear at the beginning of each chapter help orient the reader to the content of the chapter. The outlines identify the organizational elements within the chapter. The learning objectives alert the reader to the key concepts and points to be gained from studying the chapter.

 Bold-Face Type: Key terms are presented in bold face when first introduced in the chapter to highlight the words and definitions and alert the reader to their importance.

Teaching/Learning Package

The teaching/learning package that accompanies this edition of *Brunner and Suddarth's Textbook of Medical-Surgical Nursing* contains items for both the student and the instructor. For the student there is a study guide, a computer program for self-evaluation, and a clinical handbook. For the instructor there is a computerized testbank, a printed testbank, an instructor's manual, and a set of overhead transparencies.

For the Student

- The Study Guide is structured to follow the chapter sequence of the text and offers a variety of different types of questions to help students evaluate their grasp of the contents of the text. Critical thinking questions and case studies provide an opportunity to apply higher-level cognitive skills.
- A Computer Disc inserted at the back of the text offers further practice in evaluating knowledge and thinking skills. Students are offered different modes for self-evaluation and are provided with rationale to explain the appropriateness of their responses.
- A Clinical Handbook to cover the most frequent disorders encountered in medical-surgical nursing accompanies this edition. An alphabetical organization and an outline format provide an easy-to-use reference for the clinical setting.

For the Instructor

- A Computerized Testbank, based on the ParTEST program, consists of 1000 new questions for this edition and is available free to instructors upon adoption of the text. ParTEST is a sophisticated program that allows instructors to edit the questions in the testbank or add new questions, if so desired.
- A Printed Testbank, consisting of the questions in the computerized testbank, is available to enable instructors to see the questions for a particular chapter or unit at a glance.
- · Instructor's Manual
- · Overhead Transparencies

The eighth edition of *Brunner and Suddarth's Textbook* of *Medical-Surgical Nursing* is designed to address current issues and to promote the skills necessary in today's changing health care system. Chronicity, home care, and gerontologic considerations have received special emphasis because of their increasing importance in our society. This textbook, which retains the focus on the caring values that have characterized previous editions and prepares the nurse for the beginning of the 21st century, and the educational materials that have been developed to accompany it are designed to assist students and their faculty to respond to the changing health care environment.

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