BOOK REVIEWS

MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE – A PROBLEM-ORIENTED APPROACH by L. Baldwin and L. Pierce. (The C.V. Mosby Company, Saint Louis 1978)

"The need for thorough appropriate emergency care is obvious to anyone who has watched patients die because prehospital care was insufficient or who has received patients already dead because no emergency care was available". (p.vii).

This book gives a thorough outline of procedures and treatments for a wide variety of emergencies. A short discussion on continuing care follows each emergency treatment, rounding it off nicely.

Amongst others, the following topics are covered:

Fractures	Abdominal injuries
Neck and spinal injuries	Toxic emergencies
Head trauma	Problems relating to various forms of exposure.
Major trauma and chest juries	
Respiratory and cardiac emergencies	

A chapter on the general assessment of the scene and the patient provides useful and practical information. The principles of communication and telecommunications are described, illuminating important factors to be considered in the maintenance of clear communications.

The nursing process approach is used effectively, and the procedures and treatments described are clear, concise and practical. Patho-physiology is cleverly interwoven and the reader is left with a clear, rounded-off picture.

A well-written text with stores of knowledge, highly recommended for all senior nursing students, intensive care nurses and emergency departments. Most treatments are also applicable in the hospital. Times being what they are, this book contains information we might all be needing at some stage.

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KOTZÉ, W.J.: Begeleiding in die Verpleegkunde. Verpleegkundige monografie No. 16. Die Suid-Afrikaanse Verpleegstersvereniging. Pretoria 1979. 313pp Prys: R5,50. Beskikbaar van die S.A. Verpleegstersvereniging, Privaatsak X105, PRETORIA, 0001.

Met hierdie monografie het prof. Kotzé 'n besondere bydrae gemaak tot die vestiging van die verpleegkunde as selfstandige wetenskap. Dit is veral gedoen deur die antropologiese geldigheid van verplegingsbedrywighede uit te werk. Iemand wat in die wetenskappe antropologiese gronde aan die lig kan bring en hermeneuties kan uitlê, bou sinvol aan wetenskapbeoefening.

'n Wetenskap se status as wetenskap word hedendaags ook bepaal deur die praktykbetekenis daarvan. Praktykverbetering het tans sinvolle wetenskaplike doelstellings geword en ook hierin maak die skryfster 'n gewaardeerde bydrae. Verplegingspraktyk kan na die verskyning van hierdie monografie nooit weer dieselfde wees nie. Dit is dan ook om hierdie rede dat die uitsluiting daarvan in enige program van verpleegstersopleiding as 'n onverantwoordelike daad beskou sal kan word. 'n Engelse vertaling van hierdie monografie kan dan ook sterk aanbeveel word.

Indien die monografie bestudeer word saam met die van Backeberg, M.E.: Die verpleegster in die noodlenigingsituasie (Verpleegkundige monografie No. 9), sal dit aan die verpleegster verpleegdeskundigheid en verpleegweerbaarheid bied waarby hulleself persoonlik en ook hulle pasiënte op besondere wyse sal baat.

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