

BOOK REVIEW

**NURSING RESEARCH IN ACTION:
DEVELOPING BASIC SKILLS —**
by Philip Burnard and Paul Morrison.
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This book aims, as indicated in the title, to make nursing research possible for the absolute beginners, by helping them to develop basic skills. The book is not just theoretical in nature. It offers an exploratory approach to most aspects of the research. Students are invited to perform

a series of exercises, which enable them to perform the necessary operation as well as to try out each of the skills under supervision, and through that experience to gain an understanding of the ideas and concepts.

Quantitative and qualitative methods of doing research are addressed as is a variety of ways of collecting and analysing data. The student is encouraged to draw up a research proposal, identify the data collection methods and methods of analysis. He/she is then directed towards writing the project. A series of information boxes is offered throughout the text to illuminate certain aspects. Overall the book

may serve as a practical introduction to research in nursing. Not only beginners, but also tutors who may have to introduce students to research and who have limited experience will find the book useful.

It is however, not recommended that the book should stand alone. It should be used as a guide alongside other texts on research and should be used with a tutor and with other nursing colleagues.

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