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ONCOLOGY FOR NURSES AND HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

by **Robert Tiffany (Volumes 1 & 2) MacMillan S.A.**
(Price: Vol.1 R18,95; Vol.2 R11,95 plus sales tax).

"Oncology for Nurses and Health Care Professionals" is presented in two paperback volumes, comprising 28 chapters in total. Each chapter is written by an author or authors from "a team of authors chosen for their expertise in their own profession and oncology", and is presented in such a way that it may stand in its entirety. Each volume also approaches the subject from a different point of view but when read together the two volumes provide a concise and comprehensive introduction to oncology for nurses and other health care professionals.

Oncological nursing is by no means a new subject but because cancer is today considered to be one of the major health problems it has become an important nursing speciality and every nurse must of necessity ensure that she has at her disposal a more comprehensive and advanced knowledge of oncology.

Volume 1 deals with the pathology, diagnosis and treatment of malignant diseases. A description of the normal cell is given followed by an explanation of how a cancer cell develops and how cancer cells spread causing tumour formation.

All the subjects are well illustrated with appropriate and meaningful pictures and statistics.

In **Volume 2** the involvement and concern of nurses and health care professionals in the rendering of care and support; the value of supportive, caring and counselling services and the importance of health education are effectively presented.

The two-volume work, written with the purpose of providing "a concise and comprehensive introduction to oncology for nurses and other health care professionals" is considered a very welcome and necessary publication.

Both these volumes, written in an easily readable and comprehensible language and style, are found to be extremely suitable and can be recommended for the use of **all nurses and health care professionals** — be it lecturers/tutors, pre- and post- registration students or personnel in the clinical field.

A. S. LATSKY

ASSESSMENT & INTERVENTION IN EMERGENCY NURSING

by **Nedell E. Lanross, (Publishers: Robert J. Brady Co.**
Price: R22,10).

This is a hardcover book covering salient aspects of emergency nursing.

Clearly outlined objectives are set out in the beginning of each chapter, a review follows at the end of each chapter. Content is covered under three main sections: 1. **Assessment and triage** will enable a student to identify, describe, assess most subjective and objective conditions that can present. Particular attention is given to the management of pain. The nursing process is used, detailed guidelines are structured for Nursing History and Interview.

2. **Emergency Intervention and Care** allows for implementation of nursing action in the Nursing Process, and covers all systems and conditions.

3. **Management Areas:** Information including legal considerations, role of the examiner, communications, disaster management and emergency department management.

A copy of this book should be kept in all emergency departments, in public and private libraries for reference. Apart from the knowledge gained it is most useful in implementing the Nursing Process.

B.G.B.

FUNDAMENTALS OF NURSING PRACTICE, CONCEPTS, ROLES AND FUNCTIONS

by **F. L. Bower and E. M. Bevis, (C.V. Mosby Company St. Louis 1979, Price: R23,30).**

This is a hardcover book of 602 pages in clear print on excellent quality paper. Nursing practice is covered in all aspects from elementary to advanced 'client' care.

Chapters on: the involvement of nursing, a historical perspective, nursing in the health care delivery system, a framework for nursing practice and the nursing process introduce this book. In the subsequent chapters each role and functions of the nurse are comprehensively discussed, illustrated beautifully by many tables, clear drawings and diagrams. The roles included are the nurse as: communicator, planner, protector, comforter, healer, teacher, rehabilitator, co-ordinator and collaborator. The concluding chapter expands on the nurse and the future, detailing new roles and functions. Each chapter commences with a glossary and concludes with a summary, study questions and an extensive bibliography for further reference. The index is complete and extensive.

All students in and of nursing may find this book very helpful towards role clarification and for its client-orientated approach. It will be a very valuable reference in the libraries of all nursing departments.

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