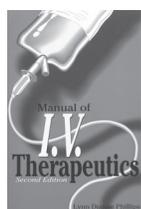


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Manual of I.V. Therapeutics (3rd ed.).
Lynn Dianne Phillips. Philadelphia: F.A. Davis Company, 2001, 814 pages, \$34.95.

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The third edition of the *Manual of I.V. Therapeutics* is written for nursing students or RNs who are interested in developing or maintaining infusion-related skills. Proficient or expert practitioners would find the text to be an excellent reference, although it is most fitting for novice, advanced beginner, and competent practitioners. The manual is appropriate for nurses in all specialties because it addresses pediatric and geriatric IV therapy, patient education, and cultural and homecare issues. Oncology nurses delivering care to patients receiving a wide variety of IV therapies would be interested in the text, which includes specific chapters on transfusion therapy, antineoplastic therapy, and central venous access devices. Oncology nurses looking for in-depth cancer-specific information should select another text. For example, the antineoplastic therapy chapter is very comprehensive, but it does not include in-depth information about individual drugs, their dosages, or the routes through which they normally are administered. For that kind of information, one could consult Oncology Nursing Society guidelines or other chemotherapy publications.

The text is divided into three units. Unit one lays the foundation for practice by providing four chapters on risk management and legal responsibilities; the steps in continuous quality improvement and competency criteria; infection control; and fundamentals of fluid and electrolytes. Unit two has five chapters on

the foundation of infusion therapy. Unit three is more advanced and has five chapters on infusion medication delivery, management of central lines, transfusions therapy, antineoplastic therapy, and nutrition support.

Each chapter contains a pre- and post-test, objectives, chapter outlines, key points, glossaries, worksheets, and critical-thinking activities. The book includes black-and-white pictures and graphics that adequately illustrate the concepts introduced. At the end of each chapter, performance-based checklists are provided for measuring competency. Links to other competencies are identified. Educators, staff development instructors, and managers will find the competency components very helpful. Web sites are included in each chapter that pertain directly to the concepts being presented. A CD-ROM with 300 questions based on Intravenous Nurses Society standards of practice is included for nurses preparing for the certified registered nurse infusion exam.

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Handbook of Home Health Standards and Documentation Guidelines for Reimbursement (4th ed.). Tina Marrelli, St. Louis: Mosby-Year Book, 2001, 680 pages, \$29.95.

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Like earlier editions, the fourth edition of the *Handbook of Home Health Standards and Documentation Guidelines for Reimbursement* is a convenient reference and information resource for the ever-expanding field of home health care. The purpose of this handbook is to provide easily accessible informa-

tion to enhance the documentation, reimbursement, and, ultimately, the quality of home health services.

This edition is divided into 12 parts. Part one reviews the current changes in Medicare reimbursement and practice since the 1998 edition. It also examines the functioning of an interdisciplinary home health team with emphasis on specific discipline standards and practice guidelines. Part two provides an overview of documentation and reimbursement and examines coding in relation to reimbursement. Part three reviews the basic standards of home care and explains how outcomes-based quality improvement (OBQI) is used with the outcome and assessment information set (OASIS) for Medicare reimbursement.

Parts four, five, and six contain possibly the most practical information in the book. These three sections consist of 25 care guidelines—12 adult medical-surgical care guidelines, 1 hospice/palliative care guideline, and 12 maternal-child care guidelines. The adult medical-surgical care guidelines are arranged alphabetically according to body systems. A systems-based model is used to aid in working with the Medicare Prospective Payment System (PPS). The Medicare PPS, along with home health resource groups, places patients into categories of similar characteristics with probable similar resource utilization. In addition, part five discusses spiritual counseling, bereavement, and volunteer support regarding end-of-life home care.

Part seven emphasizes parts of the Medicare manual with a special focus on home care. Part eight is a directory of codes from the *International Classification of Disease, Ninth Edition, Clinical Modification*. Part nine is a directory of nursing diagnoses approved by the North American Nursing Diagnosis Association.

Part 10 includes a glossary and abbreviations pertinent to healthcare providers in home care. Part 11 is a guideline for home durable or medical equipment. Part 12 is a directory of resources that contains names and toll-free telephone numbers.

This handbook is well organized and easily can be referenced for information about the many different areas of home care. The author is well versed in the complexity and range of home care. She includes information on home health agencies, hospice agencies,

Ease of Reference and Usability

- 🕒 Quick, on-the-spot resource
- 🕒 🕒 Moderate time requirement
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Content Level

- ✓ Brief, with more questions raised than answered
- ✓ ✓ Useful, supplemental resources required
- ✓ ✓ ✓ Thorough discussion of topic; can stand alone

Book Size

- 📖 Pocket size
- 📖 📖 Intermediate
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public health services, private duty services, community resources, and other supportive care agencies. This handbook is a useful reference for both the experienced and inexperienced healthcare provider.

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Oncology Diet and Nutrition Patient Education Resource Manual. *Simon Weavers, Judy Marcus, Abby Bloch. Gaithersburg, MD: Aspen Publishers, 2000, 481 pages plus diskette, \$199.*



This patient-education manual provides patients, family members, caretakers, and health professionals with practical and easy-to-follow guidelines for promoting healthy nutrition for cancer prevention and treatment. The pages are contained in a loose-leaf binder and are divided into seven chapters that are labeled and tabbed. The editorial board that collaborated to produce this publication consists of clinical dietitians and nutritional specialists from across the country. The text emphasizes dietary modification aimed at promoting a healthy, well-balanced, and complete diet. This nutritional approach focuses on a variety of patient populations including those seeking to reduce their risk for developing certain types of cancer, as well as individuals undergoing cancer treatment.

Chapter one presents a lengthy section on ways for health professionals to incorporate a patient-education program into their practices. The strategies for effective patient teaching are very specific and practical. Tips are included for assessing readiness to learn and enhancing understanding. Literacy levels and appropriate readability of patient-education materials are stressed strongly. Patient information sheets are written using simple language, and many utilize large, boldface type. The loose-leaf binder facilitates removing patient tracking forms and fact sheet handouts for either distribution to patients or documentation in files.

The manual also includes a computer diskette with many low-literacy patient handouts. These forms can be personalized with the practitioner's name and credentials or an institutional logo. The manual includes both English and Spanish versions of the handouts. Sufficient space is provided at the end of the sheets for individual notes and special instructions. Although the information often is presented in a simplified manner, the material is accurate and sufficient enough for patients. The content is outlined clearly, and key points are identified with bullets. Information about dietary supplements, alternative and complementary treatments, and herbal therapies is included for patients who are interested in these treatments.

A chapter on chemotherapy and radiation therapy provides excellent, clearly written fact sheets about nutritional concerns arising from these treatments. Also included in this chapter are tips for managing common problems such as changes in taste, oral complications, and swallowing difficulties.

The manual also contains a section devoted to managing side effects related to nutritional alterations, including loss of appetite and weight loss. Specific needs of pediatric patients also are included in a separate section at the end of the manual. In addition, special diets, sample menus, and recipes are provided for instructing patients who require different diets.

The *Oncology Diet and Nutrition Patient Education Resource Manual* is an excellent, comprehensive resource for health professionals who need to monitor the dietary progress of their patients and to educate individuals about nutritional and dietary issues. The book can be applied easily to clinical practice, but its large size will make carrying it in a hospital setting difficult. The handy diskette is an asset that can be used out of the office.

Every practitioner who works with individuals with nutritional and dietary concerns should consult this comprehensive reference. Its useful information and practical, easy-to-follow format make this manual an excellent resource for patients and those involved in their care.

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Review of Interest

It Took Courage, Compassion and Curiosity: Recollections and Writings of Leaders in Cancer Nursing: 1870–1970. *Judith Bond Johnson*, Susan B. Baird, Laura Hilderley**. Pittsburgh: Oncology Nursing Society (ONS), 2001, 232 pages, \$45 for ONS members/\$55 for nonmembers (softcover).

A review written by Thelma M. Schorr, BSN, RN, FAAN, can be found on page 12 of the November 2001 issue of the *Oncology Times* (published by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, Philadelphia, PA).

Other Books

Where Have My Eyebrows Gone? One Woman's Personal Experiences With Chemotherapy. *Maureen C. McCutcheon with illustrations by Kelly McCutcheon.* Albany, NY: Delmar Publishing, 2002, 142 pages, \$16.95 (softcover).

This book presents a lighthearted account of one woman's experience with chemotherapy after breast cancer surgery. The author, who is a nurse, educator, and cancer survivor, believes that although chemotherapy is no laughing matter, finding humor during treatment has value. She shares her experience of undergoing chemotherapy while providing practical symptom-management tips, encouragement, and resources for patients.

At Face Value: My Struggle With a Disfiguring Cancer. *Terry Healey.* Boulder, CO: Xlibris Corporation, 2001, 315 pages, \$25 (hardcover), \$16 (softcover).

This autobiographical book tells the story of a 20-year-old young man with a rare disfiguring fibrosarcoma that required numerous surgeries that forever changed the appearance of his face. The author explains not only how he overcame his cancer but also how he changed his own perception of acceptance and identity. This moving account of the author's struggles and eventual triumph can provide a lesson for all of us. _____ ONS

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