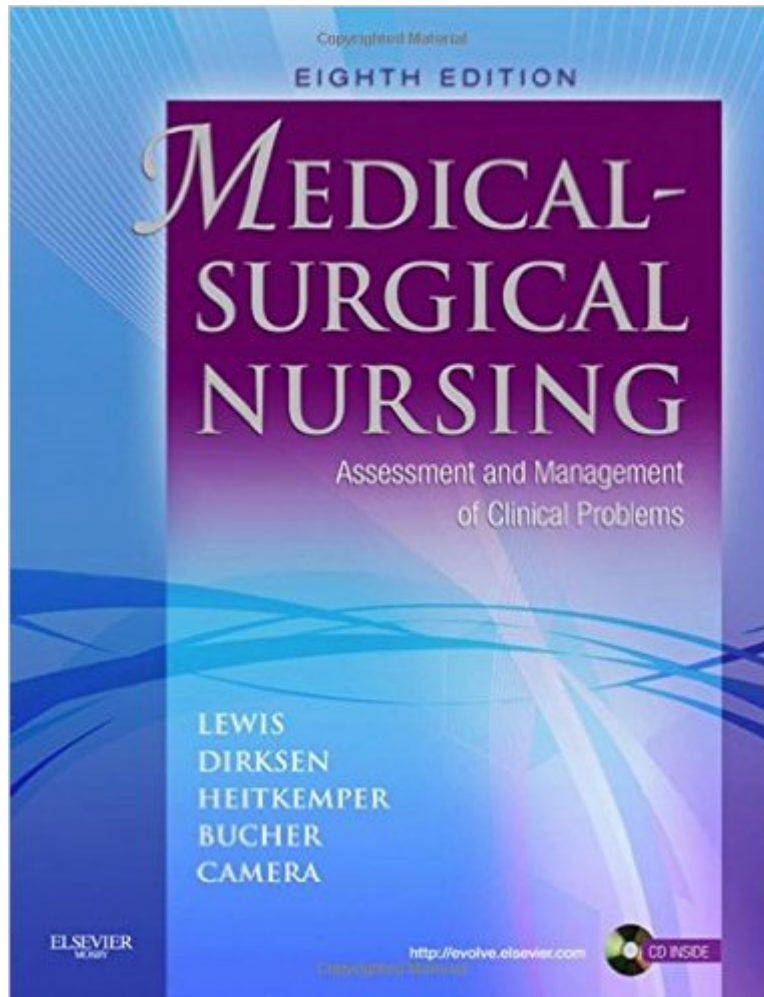


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# Medical-Surgical Nursing: Assessment And Management Of Clinical Problems, 8th Edition



## Synopsis

Written by a dedicated team of expert authors led by Sharon Lewis, *Medical-Surgical Nursing*, 8th Edition offers up-to-date coverage of the latest trends, hot topics, and clinical developments in the field, to help you provide exceptional care in today's fast-paced health care environment.

Completely revised and updated content explores patient care in various clinical settings and focuses on key topics such as prioritization, clinical decision-making, patient safety, and NCLEX® exam preparation. A variety of helpful boxes and tables make it easy to find essential information and the accessible writing style makes even complex concepts easy to grasp! Best of all • a complete collection of interactive learning and study tools help you learn more effectively and offer valuable, real-world preparation for clinical practice. Provides a strong foundation in medical-surgical nursing in a highly readable format. All content is written and reviewed by leading experts in the field to ensure that information is comprehensive, current, and clinically accurate. Colorful design and over 1,400 full-color illustrations clearly demonstrate disease processes and related anatomy and physiology. UNIQUE! A complete collection of study tools and resources, including the innovative Stress-Busting Kit for Nursing Students, offers engaging, interactive exercises and activities that make learning more effective and help prepare you for clinical practice. UNIQUE! Presents key nursing management content using a "levels of care" approach that explains how nursing care varies for different levels of health and illness. Approximately 55 comprehensive nursing care plans incorporate NIC, NOC, and current NANDA diagnoses, defining characteristics, expected outcomes, specific nursing interventions with rationales, evaluation criteria, and collaborative problems. Bridge to NCLEX Examination Review Questions at the end of each chapter focus on prioritization and help reinforce your understanding of key content. Evidence-Based Practice boxes summarize key interdisciplinary research and clearly demonstrate how it applies to nursing practice. Collaborative Management headings and Collaborative Care tables emphasize the importance of total patient care in today's health care settings and provide a clear understanding of each provider's role in managing disorders. Drug Alert boxes highlight important considerations applicable to key drugs. Healthy People boxes summarize government health care goals as they relate to specific disorders and identify important strategies for the prevention and early detection of diseases. Drug Therapy tables highlight vital medication information for quick reference. Nutritional Therapy tables summarize nutritional interventions and strategies for promoting healthy lifestyles in patients with various conditions. Cultural and ethnic health disparities content includes a dedicated chapter on health disparities and culturally competent care, as well as summary boxes highlighting important issues (including risk factors) related to the nursing care of various ethnic populations. Extensive

gerontologic content discusses age-related changes for each body system and alerts you to differences often encountered in older patients. Emergency Management tables outline the treatment of health problems most likely to create medical emergencies. Health History tables summarize the key questions you should ask, as well as important assessment parameters. Patient and Caregiver Teaching Guides provide critical information to help you educate others who will be helping to care for the patient. Ethical Dilemmas boxes promote critical thinking for timely and sensitive issues such as informed consent, patient adherence, guardianship, confidentiality, and sterilization. Complementary and Alternative Therapies boxes summarize what you need to know about the clinical uses, effects, and nursing implications of herbal remedies, acupuncture, biofeedback, and more. Genetics in Clinical Practice boxes cover key topics such as genetic testing, Alzheimer's disease, sickle cell disease, and genetics-related ethics issues. A glossary of key terms and definitions in the back of the book provides definitions and page references. Completely revised and revamped content is more readable, concise, and user-friendly. Reorganized coverage reflects an increased emphasis on more common disorders versus rare disorders. An increased focus on prioritization is featured throughout the text and in the review questions, nursing care plans, and case studies. Expanded coverage of delegation includes Delegation Decisions boxes throughout the text that highlight specific topics and skills related to delegation. End-of-chapter Clinical Decision-Making Exercises feature case scenarios that emphasize prioritization, delegation, and concept mapping. End-of-chapter review sections now feature alternate item-format questions. Safety Alerts highlight patient safety issues and focus on the latest National Patient Safety Goals. Pathophysiology Map flow charts make it easier to visualize and understand changes occurring in major diseases. Focused Assessment boxes reflect a realistic "assessment on the run" approach and offer brief checklists for evaluating the status of previously identified health problems and monitoring for signs of new problems. Assessment Case Studies for all assessment chapters help reinforce the importance of integrating and prioritizing assessment findings. UNIQUE! A separate Sleep and Sleep Disorders chapter expands upon this key topic that impacts multiple disorders and body systems, as well as nearly every aspect of daily functioning. UNIQUE! The Patient and Caregiver Teaching chapter emphasizes the increasing importance and prevalence of patient management of chronic illnesses and conditions, as well as the role of the caregiver in patient care. The Emergency, Terrorism, and Disaster Nursing chapter features expanded coverage of terrorism. Revised Infection chapter features updated infection control guidelines, an expanded section on emerging and reemerging infections, and new information about prions and H1N1 flu.

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I have the single volume edition which is the same content but one binding- a bit heavier and the spine tends to lose it's rigidity from sheer weight. The two volume option is a good idea for being lighter and more sturdy. The book is technical, detailed and extensive. I found no typos unlike the first reviewer, and I'm a stickler for those things. The content is well-written, though challenging academically. I already had some pre-med Biology and Chem courses, which have helped. It could be more readable in terms of font and thicker paper. I'm sure the publisher had to choose the smaller type size and tissue-thin paper because the book was already so thick and heavy. However, any highlighting you do will show through the other side of the page. I wouldn't recommend buying a used edition if it has someone else's highlighting in it. It's also easy to rip the pages. Good use of color, though, and many clearly illustrated boxes highlighting and summarizing key points as well as denoting the nursing interventions and patient care plans. The pathophysiology portions are written at or close to the level of first-year medical school, in my opinion. A good way to ramp-up your technical knowledge and vocabulary if advanced practice nursing is your goal. I'm in a junior college program and feel this was a great help in getting me ready for my bachelor's, also. For me, the study guide was a must. See my review for the study guide. Each chapter has excellent review questions at the end, though not very many. The website also has additional NCLEX review questions, as does the workbook. These 3 sources do not duplicate review questions. The website also provides Chapter summaries that are excellent (like text outlines). You can print off the care plans provided in the chapters and there is a Spanish version for every care plan in the book. I have printed these and saved them to use with patients in the future.

Daunting textbook, FULL of so much information your head will spin. It's a love-hate relationship. If weight is any indicator, this 324 pounder is the BIBLE of Med Surg Nursing. ...But seriously, the interactive capacity of this textbook - with its CD and online access is a full complement to what your program wants you to know. Take advantage of the study guides, end of chapter questions, beginning of chapter goals/objectives and online tests and you'll be fully prepared for your tests and clinicals.\*\*\* \*\*your mileage may vary!!!

My teachers were telling me to get the last edition but I didn't listen to them and I am so glad I didn't. Everything is the same with the last edition. It is such a great price compare to the last edition \$130

In terms of content, Elsevier is great. However, they have neglected the most important tool for students - providing a generous supply of NCLEX practice test questions for each chapter. This is vital to pass the class AND the NCLEX. The Elsevier questions are too few, not customizable by chapter, and they are not NCLEX rationales. Elsevier could fix this problem quickly by reworking their online practice test format. Then, I would change this review from 1 star to 4! Until this happens, choose another publisher if you want your students to pass their class or the NCLEX.

I generally hate my textbooks but this one has a stronger hate. It is incredibly wordy and does not present information in an easy to learn manner. I use the reviews and rationales, the success series, and other guides over this book and was still able to attain a 97% in my classes. I know you have to buy it because the school requires it but this book was a bust for me.

I have three Med surg text books, including the Lemone and the Ignatavicius. By far, the Lewis Med surg Text book is the most concise, current, accurate and easy to understand of those that I have used. Secondly, this Lewis Med surg book gives the most relevant information without including a lot of unessential statistical data that other texts tend to do, and which may not be relevant for the NCLEX exam.

For all the nursing students who have struggled with issues related to ebooks for class such as pageburst by evolve etc... This book is a lifesaver for students studying medical-surgical nursing. Easy to find what you are studying. Tables are easily found and readable. Love this book! -and mine did come as a single book instead of 2 different books as some other people mentioned earlier...

BUT even if it had been two books that is still better than Ebooks! It improved my average test scores or 78-84 to 86-94! Good luck to everyone pursuing a career in the medical field!

Terrible text book. i used this for med-surg in a 2 year RN program. i rarely write reviews, but in this case i feel i have to warn new student nurses. NOT user/student friendly in the least. this is the type of book that requires A LOT of time being spent reading and re-reading in order to grasp the simplest concepts. NOT FOR BEGINNERS. I found it to be exceedingly torturous to read. unnecessarily dry, verbose, repetitive, and redundant. It seems as if the authors deliberately set out to prove what a VAST and intricate knowledge of the the human body they possess, and presented the information in a cryptic, hard to decipher manner. NOT a book for beginning nurses. TOO much pathophysiology (YES, it IS INDEED possible to overstress the minutiae of pathophysiology), presented in a disorganized and painfully BORING way. OVERWHELMING. let me add that i'm not shy when it comes to an intellectual or academic challenge. my A&P text book (Ken Saladin) was just as detailed, but it was a JOY to read!!! so well written and engaging. although all the proper scientific terminology was employed, in general the text was straightforward and in PLAIN ENGLISH. no incessant repetition because it wasn't needed. the concepts were presented such that i understood them on the first reading. shame on my nursing program for choosing this book and making our lives so much more difficult than was necessary.

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