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Preface



Medical-Surgical Nursing at a Glance is the ideal revision and consolidation book for undergraduate nurses and other healthcare workers. The text breaks down complex aspects of medical and surgical care in an accessible and inviting way against the backdrop of continually changing surroundings.

There have and there will continue to be many changes that will have an impact on the care that nurses offer patients in medical and surgical care settings. Key trends that may emerge over the next ten years or so are related to the socioeconomic and political environments, the health and care sectors, regulation concerning health and social care, the nursing and midwifery sectors as well as education and training provision for nurses and healthcare assistants. These changes will affect the ways in which nurses deliver care in the various health and social care settings. Rapid technological progress has the potential to alter the dynamic between the nurse and the patient. Telehealth is being increasingly used in providing healthcare along with the implementation of the electronic patient record.

Despite these changes, caring, kindness and compassion remain central to the role of the medical or surgical nurse. The use of an evidence base to offer care that is safe and effective is now a prerequisite of any healthcare provision.

This is a user-friendly, accessible aid for study and revision for preregistration nursing students. There are 77 chapters with 4 parts divided into medical and surgical nursing. The text adopts a concise and simple approach and is accompanied by detailed illustrations. The chapters are presented in bite sizes,

in a double page spread with colour diagrams, tables and line drawings. It is a practical text that addresses issues from a number of perspectives including anatomy and physiology, where relevant, and associated pathophysiology.

This book has been written to meet the needs of those working in the dynamic and ever-changing medical and surgical setting. The key aim of the book is to orientate and guide readers through the important and salient issues that they may face when providing safe and effective medical and surgical care. This text is offered at an introductory level, capturing all that the healthcare practitioner needs to know during their initial education and beyond. The approach used provides a better understanding of the issues related to medical and surgical nursing, walking the reader through the key issues and the significant points. The text reminds readers that there are physical and psychological issues that must be given careful consideration as well as recognising patient safety and the legal and ethical issues that must be taken into account when providing contemporary and up-to-date care.

The text builds on the strengths of existing 'At a Glance' titles already published; it is more accessible and less intimidating than other revision aids related to medical and surgical nursing. The At a Glance approach incorporates images and text, appealing to a number of learning styles.

I have enjoyed writing this text and I hope that you enjoy reading it.

Jan Pearce



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