

## Improving Hospice Documentation

The Future of Nursing explores how nurses' roles, responsibilities, and education should change significantly to meet the increased demand for care that will be created by health care reform and to advance improvements in America's increasingly complex health system. At more than 3 million in number, nurses make up the single largest segment of the health care work force. They also spend the greatest amount of time in delivering patient care as a profession. Nurses therefore have valuable insights and unique abilities to contribute as partners with other health care professionals in improving the quality and safety of care as envisioned in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) enacted this year. Nurses should be fully engaged with other health professionals and assume leadership roles in redesigning care in the United States. To ensure its members are well-prepared, the profession should institute residency training for nurses, increase the percentage of nurses who attain a bachelor's degree to 80 percent by 2020, and double the number who pursue doctorates. Furthermore, regulatory and institutional obstacles -- including limits on nurses' scope of practice -- should be removed so that the health system can reap the full benefit of nurses' training, skills, and knowledge in patient care. In this book, the Institute of Medicine makes recommendations for an action-oriented blueprint for the future of nursing.

A great resource for your home care and hospice staff. The new 2012 Standards for Home Health, Personal Care and Support Services, and Hospice can help you quickly and easily find the standards and scoring information you need. It puts the latest accreditation requirements, policies, and procedures at your fingertips. It also includes scoring information at every element of performance, including scoring category, criticality, documentation requirement, and Measure of Success. The 2012 Standards for Home Health, Personal Care and Support Services, and Hospice has color-coded tabs, allowing you to find exactly what you need when you need it: The 2012 standards, National Patient Safety Goals, and Accreditation Participation Requirements only for home health, personal care and support services, and hospice organizations Updated accreditation process chapter, which includes new decision categories and the 2012 home care accreditation decision rules, and sentinel events chapter Applicability grids at each standard to identify setting-specific requirements for your home health, personal care and support services, or hospice organization An appendix listing Medicare requirements for hospice This 6 x 9 softcover, spiral-bound book makes a perfect reference guide handy in meetings, for orientation and training, and as a practical overview of the Joint Commission's accreditation requirements for all your staff.

One of the barriers to improving the quality of cancer care in the United States is the inadequacy of data systems. Out-of-date or incomplete information about the performance of doctors, hospitals, health plans, and public agencies makes it hard to gauge the quality of care. Augmenting today's data systems could start to fill the gap. This report examines the strengths and weaknesses of current systems and makes recommendations for enhancing data systems to improve the quality of cancer care. The board's recommendations fall into three key areas: Enhance key elements of the data system infrastructure (i.e., quality-of-care measures, cancer registries and databases, data collection technologies, and analytic capacity). Expand support for analyses of quality of cancer care using existing data systems. Monitor the effectiveness of data systems to promote quality improvement within health systems.

This pocket-size guide saves nurses precious time while ensuring that a complete patient record is created and that legal, quality assurance, and reimbursement requirements are met. This handbook provides specific verbiage for charting patient progress, change or tasks accomplished for approximately 50 common problems. The new third edition has been completely updated to include Critical Assessment Findings, Subjective Findings for Documentation, Resources for Care and Practice, Legal Considerations, Time Saving Tips,

and new Managed Care information. Plus, roughly 15 additional common problems and diagnoses have been added making this practical resource more valuable than ever. Diagnoses are in alphabetical order allowing for fast and easy access. Each patient problem or diagnosis found in this handbook includes specific documentation guidelines for the following aspects of nursing care: \*Assessment of patient problem \*Associated nursing diagnosis \*Examples of objective findings for documentation \*Examples of subjective findings for documentation \*Examples of assessment of the data \*Examples of potential medical problems for this patient \*Examples of the documentation of potential nursing interventions/actions \*Examples of the evaluations of the interventions/actions \*Other services that may be indicated and their associated interventions and goals/outcomes \*Nursing goals and outcomes \*Potential discharge plans for this patient \*Patient, family, caregiver educational needs \*Resources for care and practice \*Legal considerations for documentation, as appropriate

Introductory chapters describe documentation, the medical record systems of nursing documentation, and current JCAHO and ANA standards related to documentation. Specialty sections provide important and specific guidelines for hospice care and maternal-child care. Appendices provide the latest NANDA-approved nursing diagnoses, descriptions of services provided by other disciplines, abbreviations, and a listing of resources (i.e., directory of resources, clinical newsletters and journals, Internet resources, further reading). Includes Time Saving Tips boxes to help minimize the time needed for documentation responsibilities. Each diagnosis includes a Critical Assessment Components/Findings section to help nurses with their critical decision making and determine whether an assessment finding indicates immediate attention or patient follow up. The Goals/Outcomes section of each diagnosis now appears at the beginning so that nurses know the intended goals and outcomes up front before beginning the assessment. All documentation guidelines now include sections on Examples of Subjective Findings for Documentation and Resources for Care and Practice. Includes Legal Considerations for Documentation as appropriate to highlight important legal issues. Part One has been updated to reflect the current managed care environment, including new information required by the National Community of Quality Assurance [NCQA], so that nurses can incorporate and focus on these changes as they document

For patients and their loved ones, no care decisions are more profound than those made near the end of life. Unfortunately, the experience of dying in the United States is often characterized by fragmented care, inadequate treatment of distressing symptoms, frequent transitions among care settings, and enormous care responsibilities for families. According to this report, the current health care system of rendering more intensive services than are necessary and desired by patients, and the lack of coordination among programs increases risks to patients and creates avoidable burdens on them and their families. Dying in America is a study of the current state of health care for persons of all ages who are nearing the end of life. Death is not a strictly medical event. Ideally, health care for those nearing the end of life harmonizes with social, psychological, and spiritual support. All people with advanced illnesses who may be approaching the end of life are entitled to access to high-quality, compassionate, evidence-based care, consistent with their wishes. Dying in America evaluates strategies to integrate care into a person- and family-centered, team-based framework, and makes recommendations to create a system that coordinates care and supports and respects the choices of patients and their families. The findings and recommendations of this report will address the needs of patients and their families and assist policy makers, clinicians and their educational and credentialing bodies, leaders of health care delivery and financing organizations, researchers, public and private funders, religious and community leaders, advocates of better care, journalists, and the public to provide the best care possible for people nearing the end of life.

Oftentimes, documentation to prove hospice eligibility can be tricky. Generalization and lack of

specific details can result in non payment or repayment of claims. My purpose in creating this pocket guide is to help nurses, physicians and other disciplines be able to accurately and thoroughly document hospice decline. Everything you need is at the drop of the hand in a small convenient size guide that can easily be carried with you anywhere.

In the United States, approximately 14 million people have had cancer and more than 1.6 million new cases are diagnosed each year. However, more than a decade after the Institute of Medicine (IOM) first studied the quality of cancer care, the barriers to achieving excellent care for all cancer patients remain daunting. Care often is not patient-centered, many patients do not receive palliative care to manage their symptoms and side effects from treatment, and decisions about care often are not based on the latest scientific evidence. The cost of cancer care also is rising faster than many sectors of medicine--having increased to \$125 billion in 2010 from \$72 billion in 2004--and is projected to reach \$173 billion by 2020. Rising costs are making cancer care less affordable for patients and their families and are creating disparities in patients' access to high-quality cancer care. There also are growing shortages of health professionals skilled in providing cancer care, and the number of adults age 65 and older--the group most susceptible to cancer--is expected to double by 2030, contributing to a 45 percent increase in the number of people developing cancer. The current care delivery system is poorly prepared to address the care needs of this population, which are complex due to altered physiology, functional and cognitive impairment, multiple coexisting diseases, increased side effects from treatment, and greater need for social support. *Delivering High-Quality Cancer Care: Charting a New Course for a System in Crisis* presents a conceptual framework for improving the quality of cancer care. This study proposes improvements to six interconnected components of care: (1) engaged patients; (2) an adequately staffed, trained, and coordinated workforce; (3) evidence-based care; (4) learning health care information technology (IT); (5) translation of evidence into clinical practice, quality measurement and performance improvement; and (6) accessible and affordable care. This report recommends changes across the board in these areas to improve the quality of care. *Delivering High-Quality Cancer Care: Charting a New Course for a System in Crisis* provides information for cancer care teams, patients and their families, researchers, quality metrics developers, and payers, as well as HHS, other federal agencies, and industry to reevaluate their current roles and responsibilities in cancer care and work together to develop a higher quality care delivery system. By working toward this shared goal, the cancer care community can improve the quality of life and outcomes for people facing a cancer diagnosis.

An overlook of the theoretical prespective and practical information about the growing field of hospice.

Understand the when, why, and how! Here's your guide to developing the skills you need to master the increasing complex challenges of documenting patient care. Step by step, a straightforward 'how-to' approach teaches you how to write SOAP notes, document patient care in office and hospital settings, and write prescriptions. You'll find a wealth of examples, exercises, and instructions that make every point clear and easy to understand.

Advance Care Planning (ACP) refers to the communication of decisions regarding end-of-life treatment decisions prior to incapacitation. ACP has been associated with better health outcomes at the end of life such as less aggressive care prior to death, improved bereavement outcomes, earlier acceptance of a terminal condition and earlier acceptance of palliative care and hospice. The completion and documentation of ACP in the Electronic Health Record (EHR) is important so that end-of-life treatment decisions can be honored when patients are unable to speak for themselves. This process is multi-faceted and burdened with inconsistencies. Through three related studies, this dissertation used Donabedian's Structure, Process, and Outcome model as a framework for understanding the problem. Study one focused on the structural component of the EHR as it relates to the functionality and

documentation of ACP. Results from a survey of over 400 end-of-life physicians indicated a mutual understanding of the importance of ACP documentation in the EHR coupled with critical challenges. Specific challenges included a lack of time and training. Having a consistent tab or area within the EHR was cited as a specific opportunity for facilitating the completion of ACP in the EHR. Study two analyzed the association between several process-related predictors and the completion of ACP documentation in the EHR. Findings indicated that older adults (over age 70) were less likely to have several process-related components of ACP and more likely to operationalized elements of ACP such as a verified Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) order. These findings indicate that there may be a gap in comprehensive communication with older adults, and they are more likely to have a DNR without documentation of a prior conversation or a scanned document in the medical record. Study three examined the association between outcomes and the documentation of ACP in the EHR. Findings indicate that having a DNR documented in the EHR and having an ACP note in the problem list are associated with reduced odds of an admission in the last 30 days of life. Having ACP documentation in the EHR was not associated with reduced charges at the end of life. The results of this dissertation may be used to strengthen the case that improvement in the documentation and functionality of ACP in the EHR is required. There are several key practical considerations resulting from these studies that could be applied in the form of local quality improvement initiatives aimed at improving consistency in documentation. Other implications from these studies point toward continuing to support efforts to reimburse physicians for ACP conversations and improving standardized end-of-life communication training requirements for all clinicians.

The newly revised Fifth Edition of this handbook is an up-to-the-minute, authoritative guide to the legal and ethical issues faced daily by nurses. Replete with real-life examples and information from hundreds of court cases, the book covers the full range of contemporary concerns, including computer documentation, cloning, stem cell research, pain management, euthanasia, prescribing, privacy, and confidentiality as well as the nursing shortage. New topics include workplace violence and harassment, needlesticks, telephone triage, and quality assurance. A new Legal Tip logo highlights proactive, protective actions nurses can take, and an entire chapter explains step-by-step what to expect in a malpractice lawsuit.

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Palliative care provides comprehensive support for severely affected patients with any life-limiting or life-threatening diagnosis. To do this effectively, it requires a disease-specific approach as the patients' needs and clinical context will vary depending on the underlying diagnosis. Experts in the field of palliative care and oncology describe in detail the needs of patients with advanced cancer in comparison to those with non-cancer disease and also identify the requirements of patients with different cancer entities. Basic principles of symptom control are explained, with careful attention to therapy for pain associated with either the cancer or its treatment and to symptom-guided antineoplastic therapy. Complex therapeutic strategies for palliative cancer patients are highlighted that involve both cancer- and symptom-directed options and address a range of therapeutic aims. Issues relating to drug use in palliative cancer care are fully explored, and a separate section is devoted to care in the final phase. A range of organizational and policy issues are also discussed, and the book concludes by considering likely future developments in palliative care for cancer patients. Palliative Care in Oncology will be of particular interest to palliative care physicians who are interested in broadening the scope of their disease-specific knowledge, as well as to oncologists who wish to learn more about modern palliative care concepts relevant to their day-to-day work with cancer patients.

This landmark text is the key resource for nurses working in the field of palliative care. Edited

by renowned nursing experts, and written by a dynamic team of internationally known authorities in nursing and palliative medicine, the Oxford Textbook of Palliative Nursing covers the gamut of principles of care from the time of initial diagnosis of a terminal disease to the end of a patient's life and beyond. The text is distinctively developed to highlight the nurse's vital role as part of an integrated palliative care team. Various care settings are discussed including the hospital, ICU, home care, and hospice. Chapters focus on the practical aspects of nursing care, including symptom assessment, patient teaching, family support, psychosocial aspects of palliation, and spiritual care. New to the fourth edition are chapters on the National Consensus Project for Quality Palliative Care Guidelines, palliative care of veterans, palliative care in rural settings, disaster situations, palliative care in Eastern Europe, and palliative care in the Philippines.

### Nursing

**Patient Visit Notes For Hospice Nurses** Keeping concise and accurate notes is crucial for correct patient care, and legally required in the most situations. Although Bedside Charting is the generally preferred method of note taking for Hospice Nurses, you quickly realise that it is not always practical, given the hands-on, rapidly changing nature of Hospice Care. This book is designed to simplify the process of patient note taking, and contains all essential information for appropriate care. It's also a great resource that helps to compile all your records into one convenient location, which should be kept for a number of years should any legal situations arise. It was designed with consultation and guidance from Dr M. Smithe. It is designed specifically for Hospice and home care Nurses, and contains the following: Index page (Quick Recap of which patient is on each page and the date of visit. Patient Visit Logs, and Notes for each Patient (1 Double Page Spread per Visit) Blank Notes Pages at the end of the book Each Patient Note Spread Contains the following: Date Scheduled / PRN Start and Finish Time Patient Name Mileage start and finish (For traveling hospice workers) Patient Pain (1-10) and description Temperature Blood Pressure Respiratory rate Heart Rate SO2 O2 LPM Last BM Left and Right MAC Weight Family / Facility Updated (Yes / No) Next Visit Date Medication supply confirmed Lined notes (3?4 page per patient visit) Notes for next visit 6 x blank input columns for personal notetaking unique to each hospice nurse. Book Features: 130 Pages 6 x 9 inch - very convenient size Printed on white paper Perfect bound, softcover book

This title provides professionals who care for the dying with a user-friendly guide on how to render the best possible treatment.

**Hospice & Palliative Care Handbook, Third Edition**, offers concise, focused coverage of all aspects of hospice and palliative care for clinicians, managers, and other team members who provide important care while meeting difficult multilevel regulations. Author Tina M. Marrelli, Director of the first U.S. hospice program to attain Joint Commission accreditation for hospice services, helps caregivers meet quality, coverage, and reimbursement requirements in daily practice and documentation. Filled with key topics such as professional standards and guidelines, bereavement services considerations, outcomes, and goals, and quality control, this comprehensible book provides the tools hospice caregivers need for success. 2nd Place 2018 AJN Book of the Year

This easy-to-use handbook is the only one of its kind to offer concise, focused coverage of all hospice-related conditions. Key topics include professional standards and guidelines, bereavement services considerations, outcomes and goals, quality control, and tips for obtaining reimbursement. --Couverture.

Improving documentation is no easy task CDI professionals have never had one easy-to-read, inclusive reference to help them implement a CDI program, understand the

fundamentals of ICD-9-CM coding, query physicians, and encourage interdepartmental communication. In theory, physicians should document their entire thought process, including ruling conditions in and out. But it's not that simple, and in light of MS-DRGs, it requires significant physician education and retraining. You need a blueprint for success.. Your blueprint has arrived! At last, here is a guide for CDI specialists. The Clinical Documentation Improvement Specialist's Handbook is your essential partner for creating a CDI program, staffing your program, querying physicians, and understanding how documentation affects code selection and data quality As a CDI specialist you need answers now In light of Medicare Severity DRGs (MS-DRG), detailed documentation and accurate capture of complications and comorbidities (CCs) has made the CDI specialist's role more important and more demanding than ever. This handbook will enhance your ability to gather the right information the first time--and every time Author Colleen Garry, RN, BS, has compiled case studies that document best practices and reference several different CDI models so that you can select the one that's right for your hospital's CDI success. In addition, you'll be privy to an executive summary of HCPro's exclusive CDI survey that solicited more than 800 responses. Learn how other hospitals are handling CDI and choosing the model that works best for them. \* work with physicians to obtain detailed, appropriate documentation \* maintain compliance when performing physician queries \* convey return on investment for a CDI program Customizable CD-ROM included Your copy of The Clinical Documentation Improvement Specialist's Handbook includes a CD-ROM loaded with all of the working tools you'll find in the book. Among them Handbook of Home Health Standards: Quality, Documentation, and Reimbursement includes everything the home care nurse needs to provide quality care and effectively document care based on accepted professional standards. This handbook offers detailed standards and documentation guidelines including ICD-9-CM (diagnostic) codes, OASIS considerations, service skills (including the skills of the multidisciplinary health care team), factors justifying homebound status, interdisciplinary goals and outcomes, reimbursement, and resources for practice and education. The fifth edition of this "little red book" has been updated to include new information from the most recently revised Federal Register Final Rule and up-to-date coding. All information in this handbook has been thoroughly reviewed, revised, and updated. Offers easy-to-access and easy-to-read format that guides users step by step through important home care standards and documentation guidelines Provides practical tips for effective documentation of diagnoses/clinical conditions commonly treated in the home, designed to positively influence reimbursement from third party payors. Lists ICD-9-CM diagnostic codes, needed for completing CMS billing forms, in each body system section, along with a complete alphabetical list of all codes included in the book in an appendix. Incorporates hospice care and documentation standards so providers can create effective hospice documentation. Emphasizes the provision of quality care by providing guidelines based on the most current approved standards of care. Includes the most current NANDA-approved nursing diagnoses so that providers have the most accurate and up-to-date information at their fingertips. Identifies skilled services, including services appropriate for the multidisciplinary team to perform. Offers discharge planning solutions to address specific concerns so providers can easily identify the plan of discharge that most effectively meets the patient's needs. Lists the

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When you or a loved one are diagnosed with a terminal illness, you wonder what can be done to make life easier and more meaningful during the remaining time on earth. In *A Hospice Guide Book*, author Dr. Curtis E. Smith shows how the concept of hospice, which emphasizes the important provisions of comfort care through the end-of-life journey, can help terminal patients die a comfortable, peaceful death with dignity. A resource for families, patients, and health care providers, *A Hospice Guide Book* provides a thorough explanation of the hospice concept. It discusses • the definition of hospice care and its origins; • hospice fallacies, myths, and facts; • alternative care modalities; • the hospice team and its responsibilities; • levels of care and treatment; • pain and pain management; • hospice residences; • end of life care. *A Hospice Guide Book* presents a plethora of information about hospice, enabling those who could become hospice patients the opportunity to receive the benefit of expert comfort care; pain control management; symptom control; and emotional, spiritual, and psychosocial support as they live with their terminal illness during the end-of-life journey and peacefully transition from this life to the next.

The importance of palliative care for children facing life threatening illness and their families is now widely acknowledged as an essential part of care, which should be available to all children and families, throughout the child's illness and at the end of life. The new edition of the *Oxford Textbook of Palliative Care for Children* brings together the most up to date information, current knowledge, evidence, and developments of clinical practice in the field. The book is structured into four sections. 'Foundations of Care' describes core issues, the foundations on which paediatric palliative care is based. 'Child and Family Care' looks at different aspects of psychological, social, and cultural care for the sick child or young person, and their family. These chapters cover the time course of the illness, around the time of death and support for the bereaved family. 'Symptom Care' focuses on the uses of medication, specific symptoms, and their management. Finally, 'Delivery of Care' examines practical approaches to care in

different environments and the needs of clinicians. Two new editors join the team from Canada and South Africa, reflecting our aims to contribute towards the development of care for children across the world, and to be a resource for both experienced clinicians and those new to the field. Comprehensive in scope, exhaustive in detail, and definitive in authority, this third edition has been thoroughly updated to cover new practices, current epidemiological data, and the evolving models that support the delivery of palliative medicine to children. This includes two new chapters, looking in detail at 'Decision Making' and 'Perinatal Care', and a new section highlighting the emerging importance of 'Palliative Care for Children in Humanitarian Crises'. This book is an essential resource for anyone who works with children worldwide.

An on-the-go reference for hospice nurses and those interested in end-of-life care, this practical guide covers the essential elements in the compassionate and holistic care of terminally ill patients and their families. Nurses care for patients facing end-of-life issues in every practice specialty and, as the U.S. population continues to age, the need for proficiency in end-of-life skills will become increasingly important. *Fast Facts for the Hospice Nurse: A Concise Guide to End-of-Life Care* is an invaluable resource that provides emotional, administrative, and palliative support, whether in a hospice, long-term care facility, or acute care setting. This vital go-to text clearly and concisely lays out not only how to care for patients facing end-of-life issues, but also how to engage in self-care and cope with occupational stress. Beginning with an overview of hospice care, including its history and philosophy, this book offers a timeline of the growth of the hospice movement in the United States. Subsequent sections include up-to-date information on the clinical responsibilities of the hospice nurse in addressing the physical, psychological, and spiritual needs of terminally ill patients and their families in a culturally sensitive way. This book also outlines the administrative duties of the hospice nurse, including hospice documentation, a review of hospice regulations, and quality management. The closing section focuses on occupational stress in hospice nursing and how to engage in self-care. This text can serve as a useful clinical resource and also as a reference for nurses seeking hospice certification from the Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center. Key Features Organized within the context of the scope and standards of practice of the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association. Addresses key points about issues unique to hospice nursing and highlights evidence-based interventions Addresses important Medicare regulations and reimbursement Offers numerous clinical resources to assist with hospice nursing practice Serves as a concise study resource for hospice nursing certification

*Handbook of Home Health Standards: Quality, Documentation, and Reimbursement* includes everything the home care nurse needs to provide quality care and effectively document care based on accepted professional standards. This handbook offers detailed standards and documentation guidelines including ICD-9-CM (diagnostic) codes, OASIS considerations, service skills (including the skills of the multidisciplinary health care team), factors justifying homebound status, interdisciplinary goals and outcomes, reimbursement, and resources for practice and education. The fifth edition of this "little red book" has been updated to include new information from the most recently revised Federal Register Final Rule and up-to-date coding. All information in this handbook has been thoroughly reviewed, revised, and updated. Offers easy-to-access and easy-to-read format that guides users step by step through important home care standards and documentation guidelines Provides practical tips for effective documentation of diagnoses/clinical conditions commonly treated in the home,

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New trends in mental healthcare practice and a rapid increase in the aged population are causing an explosion in the fields of clinical gerontology and geropsychology today. This comprehensive second edition handbook offers clinicians and graduate students clear guidelines and reliable tools for assessing general mental health, cognitive functioning, functional age, psychosocial health, comorbidity, behavior deficits, and more. Psychopathology, behavioral disorders, changes in cognition, and changes in everyday functioning are addressed in full, and a wide range of conditions and disorders common to this patient population are covered. Each chapter provides an empirical review of assessment instruments, assessment scales in their totality, a review of how these instruments are used with and adapted for different cultural groups, illustration of assessments through case studies, and information on how to utilize ongoing assessment in treatment and/or treatment planning. This combination of elements will make the volume the definitive assessment source for clinicians working with elderly patients. The most comprehensive source of up-to-date data on gerontological assessment, with review articles covering: psychopathology, behavioral disorders, changes in cognition, and changes in everyday functioning Consolidates broadly distributed literature into single source, saving researchers and clinicians time in obtaining and translating information and improving the level of further research and care they can provide Chapters directly address the range of conditions and disorders most common for this patient population - i.e. driving ability, mental competency, sleep, nutrition, sexual functioning, demntias, elder abuse, depression, anxiety disorders, etc Fully informs readers regarding conditions most commonly encountered in real world treatment of an elderly patient population Each chapter cites case studies to illustrate assessment techniques Exposes reader to real-

world application of each assessment discussed

There has been a steady growth in the provision of day care services for people with life-threatening illnesses who live at home. This book includes details of the range of therapies and services that a multi-disciplinary team can provide to address the physical, emotional, psychosocial and spiritual needs of these patients and their families, thus enabling them to remain in their own homes.

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This volume provides a concise yet comprehensive overview of patient safety issues and quality improvement for the pediatric hematology/oncology/stem cell transplant practice. The book reviews patient safety in complex healthcare delivery systems, delineates the various safety issues affecting pediatric hematology/oncology patients, and discusses quality improvement methods and improvement science that allow the reader to implement and sustain change in their home institution. The text also explores mechanisms to measure quality and safety outcomes, allowing the provider to implement proven processes shown to minimize harm to patients. Written by experts in the field, Patient Safety and Quality in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology and Stem Cell Transplantation is a valuable resource for healthcare professionals treating pediatric hematology, oncology and stem cell transplant patients. Hospice nursing is not for the fainthearted. As Margaret R. Crawford, BSN, touches on in her new guide to this particular specialty, it takes inner strength to be able to walk up to a hospice patient's door every day. Crawford stresses that it isn't simply the technical aspects of hospice nursing that make it challenging, but the emotional attachments and anxieties that may emerge. In Hospice Nursing, Crawford covers the reasons someone would choose hospice nursing; the importance of self-care; the day-to-day routine of a hospice nurse; the admission conversation; different ways to treat and comfort patients with small children or patients with addictions; the complex relationships between nurses, patients, their families, and coworkers; the need to recognize and plan for burnout; and other basic challenges nurses must face. While hospice care may be demanding, Crawford is also quick to say that it can also be incredibly rewarding. As a nurse or caretaker, you are committed to making a difference in someone's life. Hospice care allows you to help alleviate the suffering of others. If this is something you are interested in pursuing, Crawford has all the information you need to get started.

"Becoming Dead Right" guides readers through the general and "how to" information maze that prepares them for dealing with death. This book is filled with poetry, stories, wisdom, and common sense that can help baby boomers, students, caregivers, and policy makers understand that society can make important changes that can ensure safe, dignified, individualized care at the end of one's life.

Palliative care has become increasingly important across the spectrum of healthcare, and with it, the need for education and training of a broad range of medical practitioners not previously associated with this field of care. Part of the Integrating Palliative Care series, this volume on

surgical palliative care guides readers through the core palliative skills and knowledge needed to deliver high value care for patients with life-limiting, critical, and terminal illness under surgical care. Chapters explore the historical, philosophical, and spiritual principles of surgical palliative care, and follow the progression of the seriously ill surgical patient's journey from the pre-operative encounter, to the invasive procedure, to the post-operative setting, and on to survivorship. An overview of the future of surgical palliative care education and research rounds out the text. Surgical Palliative Care is an ideal resource for surgeons, surgical nurses, intensivists, and other practitioners who wish to learn more about integrating palliative care into the surgical field.

The first text to explore the history, characteristics, and challenges of hospice social work, this volume weaves leading research into an underlying framework for practice and care. A longtime practitioner, Dona J. Reese describes the hospice social work role in assessment and intervention with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and the community, while honestly confronting the personal and professional difficulties of such life-changing work. She introduces a well-tested model of psychosocial and spiritual variables that predict hospice client outcomes, and she advances a social work assessment tool to document their occurrence. Operating at the center of national leaders' coordinated efforts to develop and advance professional organizations and guidelines for end-of-life care, Reese reaches out with support and practice information, helping social workers understand their significance in treating the whole person, contributing to the cultural competence of hospice settings, and claiming a definitive place within the hospice team.

When the end of life makes its inevitable appearance, people should be able to expect reliable, humane, and effective caregiving. Yet too many dying people suffer unnecessarily. While an "overtreated" dying is feared, untreated pain or emotional abandonment are equally frightening. Approaching Death reflects a wide-ranging effort to understand what we know about care at the end of life, what we have yet to learn, and what we know but do not adequately apply. It seeks to build understanding of what constitutes good care for the dying and offers recommendations to decisionmakers that address specific barriers to achieving good care. This volume offers a profile of when, where, and how Americans die. It examines the dimensions of caring at the end of life: Determining diagnosis and prognosis and communicating these to patient and family. Establishing clinical and personal goals. Matching physical, psychological, spiritual, and practical care strategies to the patient's values and circumstances. Approaching Death considers the dying experience in hospitals, nursing homes, and other settings and the role of interdisciplinary teams and managed care. It offers perspectives on quality measurement and improvement, the role of practice guidelines, cost concerns, and legal issues such as assisted suicide. The book proposes how health professionals can become better prepared to care well for those who are dying and to understand that these are not patients for whom "nothing can be done."

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Genetics', this work provides coverage of a variety of issues within a family context. The Encyclopedia of Family Health provides a comprehensive summary of theory, research, practice, and policy on family health and wellness promotion for students and researchers. Provides comprehensive, current information for addressing the physical, psychological, and spiritual needs of hospice patients and their families Substantially updated and expanded, the second edition of this quick-access reference for hospice nurses continues to deliver the most current information on the clinical and administrative duties of the hospice nurse. It encompasses important regulatory changes and milestones, providing timely information on cultural issues, special communication considerations, and hospice care's enduring growth. This resource provides new content on levels of care, assessment and symptom management, and occupational stress, burnout, and self-care. New treatment guidelines and algorithms are included, as are updates on quality measures, the reimbursement schedule, compliance initiatives, and electronic documentation with specific examples. An indispensable clinical resource, the book is a valuable reference for nurses who are seeking to specialize in hospice, those who work in long-term care settings, post-acute care settings, acute care setting, and those who are seeking to enhance their knowledge of end-of-life care within other specialties. New to the Second Edition: Includes new regulatory changes/milestones, such as The National Quality Forum New Priorities for Action 2019 Provides updated information about levels of care, particularly the Last 7 Days rule from Medicare Covers the use of cannabis, non-pharmacological pain management interventions, care of the dying patient, and post-mortem care New chapters are included on the hospice nurse's role as case manager, patient discharge, religious and cultural influences on end-of-life care, pain assessment and interventions, wound care, care of the dying patient, and post-mortem care. Key Features: Reflects key competencies for the hospice nurse as designated by the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association Delineates clinical and administrative responsibilities of the hospice nurse Simplifies complex information such as Medicare regulations and compliance Provides screening tools for depression, anxiety, and wound risk Includes the Palliative Performance Scale and the Karnofsky Performance Scale Serves as a concise study resource for certification

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