



Oxford Handbook of Gastrointestinal Nursing

The Oxford Handbook of Gastrointestinal Nursing summarizes the current state of knowledge in gastrointestinal nursing and provides user-friendly, evidence-based guidelines on the management of patients with gastrointestinal disorders.

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The role of the gastrointestinal (GI) nurse has changed considerably over recent years. The development of endoscopic equipment has resulted in a demand for skilled nurses to perform procedures which, in the past, were carried out by doctors. In addition, nurses now commonly perform diagnostic tests and prescribe specific drugs in gastroenterology, and the widespread recognition of the need for psychosocial support for gastrointestinal patients, in areas such as Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS), has seen a large increase in the number of GI nurse consultants, nurse specialists, and nurse practitioners. GI nurses work with a wide range of patients from those suffering from minor and acute gastrointestinal disorders, through chronic conditions, to those requiring major surgery and treatment for malignant disease.

Organized into three sections covering the principles of gastrointestinal nursing, the sections of the gut, and specific disorders of the digestive system, this handbook offers a wealth of information on how to plan, implement, manage, and evaluate nursing care for gastrointestinal patients, whether in the pediatric or adult setting. Topics featured include nutrition, pain management, complementary therapies, prescribing in GI nursing and emergencies.

The book is clearly laid out with one topic per double page spread, and written in an easily readable note-based style. Blank pages for writing notes, observations and local protocols allow your handbook to be customized to meet specific needs.

Written by practicing nurses and subject experts, the Oxford Handbook of Gastrointestinal Nursing is a unique and invaluable companion for practicing nurses, and for all health care professionals who are involved in the care of patients with gastrointestinal disorders.



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