Nurses who are new to the labor and delivery (L&D) environment will welcome this newly updated, succinct, easy-to-use orientation guide for everyday labor and birth management practices. It is designed for speedy access to fundamental information about the most common L&D procedures and encourages the development of independence and confidence for new RNs orienting to this practice environment.

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