Core Curriculum for Transplant Nurses

This official publication of the International Transplant Nurses Society (ITNS) offers crucial, real-life direction on the science and skills required for every kind of solid organ transplant, from initial evaluation to long-term follow-up.

Based on the Certified Clinical Transplant Nurse (CCTN) exam content, this is a must-have training and teaching guide for nursing educators, students, and all clinicians seeking CCTN certification or a transplant nursing practice.

Key features:
- NEW chapter on quality assurance and performance improvement (QAPI) and regulatory issues
- NEW chapter on vascular composite allograft transplantation (VCA)
- NEW chapter on mechanical circulatory support (MCS) devices
- NEW United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) criteria for VCA procedures and other UNOS policies, including organ allocation policies
- NEW Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines for patient selection for destination therapy
- NEW evidence-based International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation guidelines
- NEW patient discharge checklists, and examples of QAPI scorecards and regulator indicators
- More than 200 end-of-chapter sample test questions to aid CCTN exam study
- More than 200 new and updated charts and figures
- Outline format that supports on-the-spot reference, with detailed direction on:
  * Transplant immunology and pharmacology; updated content on medications
  * Psychosocial issues
  * Ethical issues, such as living donations and procuring deceased donors
  * Allocation systems for organs in the United States, Canada, Europe, and Australia
- Care of living donors
- Life-long posttransplant follow-up
- Organ-specific chapters offer comprehensive information on areas including:
  * Initial organ-specific evaluation
  * Pre- and postoperative adult and pediatric care
  * Pathophysiology of end-stage organ failure
  * Surgical techniques
  * Immunosuppressive medications
  * Posttransplant complications
  * Discharge teaching and follow-up
- Essential study guide for the American Board for Transplant Certification (ABTC) Certified Clinical Transplant Nurse exam, the ABTC Certified Clinical Transplant Coordinators exam, and the CCTN certification exam.

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