This full-color handbook clearly and succinctly explains the how and why behind disease processes and treatments and the most appropriate nursing care throughout the course of each disease. Information is presented in bulleted format, with over 100 full-color illustrations that show disease development and progression and numerous lists, tables, and flowcharts that highlight key facts. Recurring graphic icons include Focus In (illustrations showing detailed mechanisms behind disease development), Disease Block (flowcharts showing points where treatments halt disease progression), Life-Threatening Disorder, and Alert (possible complications, significant changes in clinical appearance, variations in incidence and pathophysiology, and age-related considerations).