This portable reference is a timesaving guide on how to enhance charting skills, avoid legal pitfalls, and ensure that a complete and accurate record is created every time.

This reference reviews fundamental aspects of charting, nursing process, legal and professional requirements, guidelines for developing a solid plan of care, and the variety of charting forms currently in use, including computerized charting. Completed forms show exactly how to document assessment, intervention, and evaluation. Also addresses the specific requirements for charting in acute care, home care, and long-term care and rehabilitation. Appendices include NANDA Taxonomy II, as well as common abbreviations and symbols.