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- new cases involving issues ranging from care of SARS patients, care of elderly persons contemplating suicide, to workplace violence
- written with aim of making nursing content accessible and self-contained for instructors trained either in ethics and philosophy or nursing