While this book is primarily for practicing nurses, it is also an essential resource for nursing faculty and students, other health care providers, researchers and scholars, and those involved in funding, legal, policy, and regulatory activities.

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