Gerontological Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice

This complete revision brings up to date the scope of gerontological nursing practice and its standards of care and professional performance. The goal of gerontological nursing is to provide the highest quality of care to the older adults within a healthcare system facing an unprecedented increase of their numbers. To do so, gerontological nurses employs a shared body of skills and knowledge to addresses the full range of needs related to the process of aging, the specialized care of older adults, and the uniqueness of older adults as a group and as individuals. These specialists lead interprofessional teams and collaborate with older adults and their significant others to promote autonomy, wellness, optimal functioning, comfort, and quality of life from healthy aging to end of life.

This is the most succinct one-volume guide to the essentials of gerontological nursing: its practice environments and settings, its science and other evidence-and research basis, its education and professional development, and its ethical, societal, and cultural context.

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