The second edition of *The Informed Practice Nurse* offers both the new and experienced practice nurse the opportunity to reflect on their current practice.

This level of nurse works largely independently and their work is managed rather than supervised. They are able to demonstrate their duties to less experienced employees and supervise students, and can undertake surveys or audits. They may occasionally participate in research and development, clinical trials or equipment testing.

The chapter content is evidence based and accurately referenced, making it an essential text for students on undergraduate and post-graduate courses. Management and ethical issues in general practice are placed in context to government directives and the dynamic ethos of nursing. Women’s, men’s and young peoples health care are addressed in separate chapters, concentrating on health issues often neglected in other nursing texts and the health needs of lesbian women and gay men are discussed in a sensitive manner.