An essential text for nursing students who seek to understand the various aspects of chronic illness affecting both patients and families.

This is the only text of its kind that truly addresses not only the physical aspects but the important psychosocial issues that individuals and families deal with on a daily basis. The text takes an application to practice-based approach by covering impact/issues, interventions and outcomes.

The ninth edition has been heavily revised to include updated and expanded content on the illness experience, health policy, uncertainty and the advanced practice nurse in chronic illness. Each chapter employs a theoretical approach to the concept followed by the impact or issues of the concept, nursing interventions and potential outcomes. Two new chapters focused on Loss and Spirituality have also been included.

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- New case studies
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- Addresses the technology and systems that impact individuals with chronic health
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