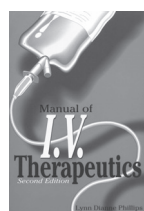


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Manual of I.V. Therapeutics (3rd ed.).
Lynn Dianne Phillips. Philadelphia: F.A.
Davis Company, 2001, 814 pages, \$34.95.

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The third edition of the *Manual of I.V. Therapeutics* is written for nursing students or RNs who are interested in developing or maintaining infusion-related skills. Proficient or expert practitioners would find the text to be an excellent reference, although it is most fitting for novice, advanced beginner, and competent practitioners. The manual is appropriate for nurses in all specialties because it addresses pediatric and geriatric IV therapy, patient education, and cultural and homecare issues. Oncology nurses delivering care to patients receiving a wide variety of IV therapies would be interested in the text, which includes specific chapters on transfusion therapy, antineoplastic therapy, and central venous access devices. Oncology nurses looking for in-depth cancer-specific information should select another text. For example, the antineoplastic therapy chapter is very comprehensive, but it does not include in-depth information about individual drugs, their dosages, or the routes through which they normally are administered. For that kind of information, one could consult Oncology Nursing Society guidelines or other chemotherapy publications.

The text is divided into three units. Unit one lays the foundation for practice by providing four chapters on risk management and legal responsibilities; the steps in continuous quality improvement and competency criteria; infection control; and fundamentals of fluid and electrolytes. Unit two has five chapters on

the foundation of infusion therapy. Unit three is more advanced and has five chapters on infusion medication delivery, management of central lines, transfusions therapy, antineoplastic therapy, and nutrition support.

Each chapter contains a pre- and post-test, objectives, chapter outlines, key points, glossaries, worksheets, and critical-thinking activities. The book includes black-and-white pictures and graphics that adequately illustrate the concepts introduced. At the end of each chapter, performance-based checklists are provided for measuring competency. Links to other competencies are identified. Educators, staff development instructors, and managers will find the competency components very helpful. Web sites are included in each chapter that pertain directly to the concepts being presented. A CD-ROM with 300 questions based on Intravenous Nurses Society standards of practice is included for nurses preparing for the certified registered nurse infusion exam.

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Handbook of Home Health Standards and Documentation Guidelines for Reimbursement (4th ed.). Tina Marrelli. St. Louis: Mosby-Year Book, 2001, 680 pages, \$29.95.

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Like earlier editions, the fourth edition of the *Handbook of Home Health Standards and Documentation Guidelines for Reimbursement* is a convenient reference and information resource for the ever-expanding field of home health care. The purpose of this handbook is to provide easily accessible informa-

tion to enhance the documentation, reimbursement, and, ultimately, the quality of home health services.

This edition is divided into 12 parts. Part one reviews the current changes in Medicare reimbursement and practice since the 1998 edition. It also examines the functioning of an interdisciplinary home health team with emphasis on specific discipline standards and practice guidelines. Part two provides an overview of documentation and reimbursement and examines coding in relation to reimbursement. Part three reviews the basic standards of home care and explains how outcomes-based quality improvement (OBQI) is used with the outcome and assessment information set (OASIS) for Medicare reimbursement.

Parts four, five, and six contain possibly the most practical information in the book. These three sections consist of 25 care guidelines—12 adult medical-surgical care guidelines, 1 hospice/palliative care guideline, and 12 maternal-child care guidelines. The adult medical-surgical care guidelines are arranged alphabetically according to body systems. A systems-based model is used to aid in working with the Medicare Prospective Payment System (PPS). The Medicare PPS, along with home health resource groups, places patients into categories of similar characteristics with probable similar resource utilization. In addition, part five discusses spiritual counseling, bereavement, and volunteer support regarding end-of-life home care.

Part seven emphasizes parts of the Medicare manual with a special focus on home care. Part eight is a directory of codes from the *International Classification of Disease, Ninth Edition, Clinical Modification*. Part nine is a directory of nursing diagnoses approved by the North American Nursing Diagnosis Association.

Part 10 includes a glossary and abbreviations pertinent to healthcare providers in home care. Part 11 is a guideline for home durable or medical equipment. Part 12 is a directory of resources that contains names and toll-free telephone numbers.

This handbook is well organized and easily can be referenced for information about the many different areas of home care. The author is well versed in the complexity and range of home care. She includes information on home health agencies, hospice agencies,

Ease of Reference and Usability

- 🕒 Quick, on-the-spot resource
- 🕒 🕒 Moderate time requirement
- 🕒 🕒 🕒 In-depth study

Content Level

- √ Brief, with more questions raised than answered
- √ √ Useful, supplemental resources required
- √ √ √ Thorough discussion of topic; can stand alone

Book Size

- 📖 Pocket size
- 📖 📖 Intermediate
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