Synopsis

Sparks and Taylor’s Nursing Diagnosis Reference Manual 9th edition provides clearly written, authoritative care plan guidelines for all 2012-2014 NANDA International (NANDA-I) approved nursing diagnoses. The book is full of bright colors, and organized by life-stages and type of care. Each Part opens with a new feature, Applying Evidence-Based Practice, which responds directly to the content. Each NANDA diagnosis includes associated Nursing Interventions Classifications (NIC) and Nursing Outcomes Classifications (NOC), and the nursing process is integrated throughout. This book is the ideal resource for any clinical setting.

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Customer Reviews

I am heartily disappointed!!!I am surprised by the positive reviews about this book. I find very little about it easy to use. There are some fatal flaws to the organization of this text that make it practically useless for students and practicing nurses. I purchased this book at Barnes & Noble after looking at it for a bit. I saw two sections which led me to believe the book would be more useful that it really is. OVERVIEW OF THE NURSING PROCESS in the preface is top notch. It explains how nursing diagnosis fits into the nursing process. Appendix A Selected Nursing Diagnoses by Medical Diagnosis APPEARS AT A QUICK GLANCE to be useful. However, none of the nursing diagnoses listed under each of the medical diagnoses are accompanied by page numbers which tell the reader where in the book to find the explanatory information for that nursing diagnosis. To make it worse,
many of the nursing diagnoses listed in Appendix A are not listed as stated in the Index making it impossible to quickly find the relevant page for the desired nursing diagnosis. The Table of Contents is no help finding a specific nursing diagnosis explanatory material. The TOC lists 8 main sections (Adult Health, Adolescent Health, Child Health, Maternal-Neonatal Health, Geriatric Health, Psychiatric and Mental Health, Community-Based Health, and Wellness) without listing what nursing diagnoses are contained in each section. The reader has no way to find a specific diagnosis without paging through entire sections which MAY contain the diagnosis of interest. What idiot has time to page through entire sections of a book to find one or two diagnoses??!! In my opinion, the organizational structure of the text is totally inappropriate. Nursing diagnoses are intended to diagnose human responses to disease.

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