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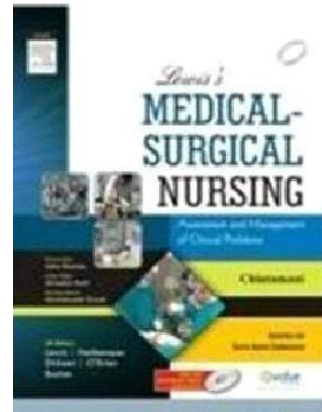
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'Lewis's Medical Surgical Nursing' by Dr. Chintamani is a 1930 paged comprehensive textbook and is designed to suit the MSN curricula of South Asian Nations. It is a sincere attempt and enormous effort by the author which is praiseworthy. The book is thus useful for undergraduate student nurses, graduate nurses and teachers as well. The book has got exhaustive content spread out in 12 sections and 46 chapters, section 1 contains 8 chapters, section 2 has 4 chapters, section 3 contains 3 chapters, section 4 also contains 3 chapters, section 5 has 4 chapters, section 6 contains 2 chapters, section 7 also has 2 chapters, section 8 contains 6 chapters, section 9 has only 1 chapter, section 10 contains 2 chapters, section 11 has 7 chapters and section 12 contains 4 chapters.

This book is quite handy & the paper quality is good. The pictures which are given in various chapters are very realistic and are based on Indian Perspective. Syllabus mapper given in the starting of the book will be quite helpful to keep a watch on the syllabus (as per INC) while covering the various topics. The information given in the boxes is an effective way to cover the important things. Learning objectives which are given in the starting of every chapter would be very helpful for the students as well as teachers. The Electronic resources would definitely guide the student to get further information about the topic. NCLEX-RN Exam questions which are given at the end of every chapter can help the students to prepare for competitive exams. The book also contains self-learning illustrations, tables, special boxes and flowcharts which make

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the learning easy for the students. In the entire book the language is simple and description is easy to comprehend by the students. A DVD is also given along with the book. Price of the book is affordable for the students in comparison to other books of Medical Surgical Nursing books. The organization of the content is sequential.

However, there are few lacunae in the book too.

The Index doesn't contain the names of few important diseases e.g. Tonsillitis, Alzheimer's disease so; it can be confusing as well as difficult for the student to find that particular topic. Few chapters lack critical thinking exercises. In addition to it a column or a box with a heading "Nurses notes" or "Nursing Alert" can be added

in all the chapters to highlight the important points from nursing point of view. Many diseases which are covered under various chapters of the book are given in a paragraph only or it lacks diagnostic findings, Medical management. Cast & its types and traction & its types must be discussed in detail because these are very important topics from exam point of view. CPR is given according to the old guidelines.

Few additions can be done in the appendices too e.g.:

- Normal range of various lab tests or drugs.
- Format of NCP as per INC.
- Scales or clinical pathways related to few common diseases.

Guidelines related to few important procedures.