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Now part of the popular LPN Threads series, this market-leading text helps students develop the practical knowledge and problem-solving skills they need for a successful career as an LPN/LVN. It uses an engaging "1-2-3 approach" that describes what needs to be done in a situation as well as how to do it. Questions, quizzes, and self-assessments encourage active participation and critical thinking, while serving as practical and efficient aids to learning. Coverage of leadership and management has been substantially increased in this edition.

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- A new chapter on Personal Health Promotion (chapter 10) discusses stress management and burnout, nutrition and exercise, the impaired nurse, and codependency.
- Material on ethics and legal issues has been separated into two chapters: Ethics Applied to Nursing (chapter 19) and Nursing and the Law (chapter 20).
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