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This book was a delight for a "seasoned" nurse of twenty-four years to read. I actually enjoyed the history section because there were things there I was not aware of. The book covered areas that it has taken me twenty-four years to learn and every nurse should have one of these for a handbook.

STEDMAN'S CONCISE Medical Dictionary for the health professions, (2001).
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Stedman's medical dictionary and accompanying CD-ROM are perfect tools for medical workers, students, and teachers. The print volume is equipped with a standard type dictionary with a extra cross-reference and visual images. The accompanying CD-ROM is a friendly user program for people of different level skills in computing.

Most of medical dictionaries on the market are very much like using a general English dictionary; giving each word the meaning letter by letter as spelled out. It's much easier to find the hundreds of medical abbreviations, acronyms and symbols in this volume. This dictionary also provide cross-references for words

that have the same meaning. The common English term or Synonyms are printed in color, making it very easy to look up definitions in the same color.

The content of the dictionary includes an illustration index to provide a quick way to look up the image. Each word accompanied by the color symbol of one (1) surrounded by a blue color square means the illustrations or images are provided. Any page number preceded by letter "A" means the image can be found in the first color insert, the 32 page anatomical atlas. The letter "B" is used after page number to indicate that you will find the image in second color set. The "APP" indicates the images are in the appendices.

As mentioned earlier, this dictionary also includes a CD- ROM to be installed on a computer drive. The installation process is uncomplicated if you follow the four (4) step instruction process or follow on screen prompts. System requirements are for Windows 95 or higher and Macintosh OS system 7.6.1 or higher. Hard drive space needed is 25 MB and at least 16 bit-color display. A sound card is helpful. Stedman's Concise offer online help and technical support if you have problem installing or using the Electronic Medical Dictionary.

After installing the CD-ROM, you will find the dictionary in alphabetical order. In the file folders are visual information of 15 human body's part: Abdominal, Brachial, Chest, Ear, Elbow, Foot, Head, Knee, Liver, Pelvis, Shoulder, Skeleton, Skull, Urinary, and Wrist. By using the indication arrows it will take you to pictures

of posterior, anterior, medial, and lateral. You can retrieve each picture within 10-20 seconds.

Stedman's Concise Medical Dictionary for Health Profession is just what the doctor order for all level of Health professionals. Teachers and students will benefit by use in classroom and laboratory.