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The Health Care Worker: An Introduction to Health Occupations

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The Health Care Worker: An Introduction to Health Occupations. 2nd Edition. Shirley A. **Badasch** and Doreen S. Chesebro. Prentice-Hall, Inc., **Englewood Cliffs**, 1988, 365 pp.

The Health Care Worker provides a global view of knowledge and attitudes required of health care workers functioning in a variety of settings. The text is organized into two parts. Part 1, consisting of 13 chapters, contains fundamental knowledge, attitudes, and skills basic to paraprofessional **health** fields. Part 2, consisting of 11 chapters, explores 11 health occupations and is used with the Student Procedure Manual which details procedures with check-off lists, enhances the text's content, and reinforces student learning.

Strengths of the text include behavioral objectives and a vocabulary list of new terms at the beginning of each chapter, colored pictures of body systems, many drawings and pictures to enhance learning, a **summary** at the end of each chapter and a glossary. In addition, chapters in Part 2 include a review section which refers students back to appropriate **chapters** and objectives in Part 1 and a duty or task section which lists the skills required for the worker in this field. It would be helpful to have review questions at the end of each chapter.

The Student Procedure Manual should be required as noted by the authors. The Instructor's Guide for the Health Care Worker is a valuable resource as it provides presentation content, suggested activities, additional resources, and unit evaluations.

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