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Mosby's Textbook for Nursing Assistants, Shelia S. Sorrentino. C. V. Mosby
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Mosby's Textbook for Nursing Assistants provides a comprehensive approach in identifying the knowledge, attitudes, and psychomotor skills required of nursing assistants functioning in a variety of settings. These settings may include acute, long-term, or home care.

The text is composed of 30 chapters. Major areas of emphasis include the work environment, body structure and function, and procedures performed by the nursing assistant, which are arranged from simple to complex. Additionally, there are chapters which extend the basic content in the areas of growth and development, rehabilitation, patients **with** hearing and visual problems, and basic emergency care. Their usefulness is inherent in providing very comprehensive content as a reference for the more advanced nursing assistant.

Strengths of the text include chapter objectives, review questions at the end of each chapter, step by step lists of procedures, and an abundance of photographs and line drawings to enhance the students' understanding of the material presented. However, some topics such as emergency care should be incorporated before laboratory or clinical experiences; skills should be included with body systems; review questions should relate to all objectives; and the soft-bound cover may not withstand repeated use. A student workbook and instructor's guide are also available to accompany the comprehensive text.

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