Creative Care for the Person with Alzheimer's

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Creative Care for the Person with Alzheimer's provides a thorough description of senile dementia, Alzheimer's type. The information is useful for all health care personnel including students at the secondary level. Suggestions are provided also for assisting and teaching family members of persons with Alzheimer's to better understand the disease and how to cope with the situation as well as resources available.

The text is divided into the following eight areas: (a) definition and incidence of Alzheimer's Disease, (b) anatomy of the brain, (c) disease manifestations, (d) clinical diagnosis, (e) etiology theories, (f) nursing interventions and treatment, (g) teaching the family how to cope, and (h) respite/resources. Tables are used throughout the book to organize various data. Study questions are included in each chapter. In addition, a 30 question post-test, and a glossary of terms are provided for evaluating knowledge. References provide other resources for further information.

Four progressive stages of Alzheimer's disease are identified with techniques given for assisting the patient at each stage. Although nursing interventions for the dementia patient are adequately discussed, the author devotes more attention to the clinical manifestations and anatomical dysfunctions than to creative approaches to care as the title suggests.

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