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Mosby's Textbook for Nursing Assistants. (3rd ed.). Sheila A. Sorrentino.
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Mosby's Textbook for Nursing Assistants is a comprehensive textbook revised to incorporate the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act guidelines legislated in 1987 for educating nursing assistants. Two new chapters have been added: one on Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, and one focusing on the care of mothers and newborns. Other major revisions include the addition of hepatitis, AIDS, and other communicable diseases; the integration of universal precautions; a full color format; and attention to reading level and vocabulary for improved readability.

The textbook is divided into 32 chapters organized to provide for program variation in teaching time schedules and curriculum structure. Each chapter begins with a list of learning objectives and key terms with definitions. Review questions follow each chapter summary. The chapter on Medical Terminology is found at the end of the text for ease of reference use.

Intended to educate nursing assistants to work in any number of health care settings, the text can be used in secondary and postsecondary educational programs as well as inservice and continuing education needs. A workbook, Mosby's Workbook for Nursing Assistants by Relda Kelly, is available and complements the text,

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