


performance. Nursing-sensitive outcome measures are integrated into the outcome indicators used throughout the book.

 **RESEARCH FOCUS** boxes review new evidence on important topics in a concise way.

 **SAFETY ALERTS** highlight patient safety as part of the QSEN initiative for better outcomes of nursing care.

Numerous pedagogic devices that enhance student learning have been retained from previous editions:

- A functional and attractive **FULL-COLOR DESIGN** visually enhances the organization of each chapter, as well as the special features.
- **EVOLVE** at the beginning of each chapter highlight the companion site which includes additional resources and information for the student.
- A detailed, cross-referenced **INDEX** allows readers to quickly access discussions.
- **KEY TERMS** are highlighted throughout each chapter to reinforce student learning.
- Hundreds of **TABLES** and **BOXES** highlight key concepts and nursing interventions.
- Many of the **COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS** are new, and anatomic drawings are easy to follow, with color appropriately used to illustrate important aspects, such as saturated and desaturated blood. As an example, the full-color heart illustrations in [Chapter 23](#) clearly depict congenital cardiac defects and associated hemodynamic changes.