They include current nursing diagnoses approved by NANDA International that have a potential bearing on the health problem. For every diagnosis, defining characteristics, appropriate patient outcomes, and select possible interventions with rationales are presented. The care plans are designed to stimulate critical thinking and encourage the student to individualize outcomes and interventions for the child rather than to provide an extensive picture of all nursing diagnoses, outcomes, and interventions for every given disease or condition.

Culturally Competent Care

Increasing cultural diversity in this country requires nurses caring for children and their families to develop expertise in the care of children from numerous backgrounds. Culturally competent nursing care requires more than acquiring knowledge about ethnic and cultural groups. It encompasses not only awareness of the influence of culture on the child and family but also the ability to intervene appropriately and effectively. The nurse must learn objective skills to focus on the child's, family's and community's cultural characteristics. The nurse's self-awareness of unique personal cultural backgrounds must be acknowledged in order to understand how they contribute to cross-cultural communication. The importance of the environment of a cross-cultural care setting must be considered when providing clinical nursing care to culturally diverse families. This edition provides numerous learning experiences that examine cross-cultural communication, cultural assessment, cultural interpretation, and appropriate nursing interventions.

The Critical Role of Research and Evidence-Based Practice

This tenth edition is the product of an extensive review of the literature published since the book was last revised. Many readers and researchers have come to rely on the copious references that reflect significant contributions from a broad audience of professionals. To ensure that information is accurate and current, most citations are less than 5 years old, and almost every chapter