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# Special Features


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Much effort has been directed toward making this book easy to teach from and, more important, easy to learn from. In this edition, the following features have been included to benefit educators, students, and practitioners.

**ATRAUMATIC CARE** boxes emphasize the importance of providing competent care without creating undue physical and psychologic distress. Although many of the boxes provide suggestions for managing pain, atraumatic care also considers approaches to promoting self-esteem and preventing embarrassment.

 **COMMUNITY FOCUS** boxes address issues that expand to the community, such as increasing immunization rates, preventing lead poisoning, and decreasing smoking among teens.

**CRITICAL THINKING CASE STUDIES** ask the nurse to examine the evidence, consider the assumptions, establish priorities, and evaluate alternative perspectives regarding each patient situation. Answers to the Case Studies are provided at the end of the text.

 **CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS** boxes integrate concepts of culturally sensitive care throughout the text. The emphasis is on the clinical application of the information, whether it focuses on toilet training or on male or female circumcision.

 **DRUG ALERTS** highlight critical drug safety concerns for better therapeutic management.

 **EMERGENCY TREATMENT** boxes are flagged by colored thumb tabs, enabling the reader to quickly locate interventions for