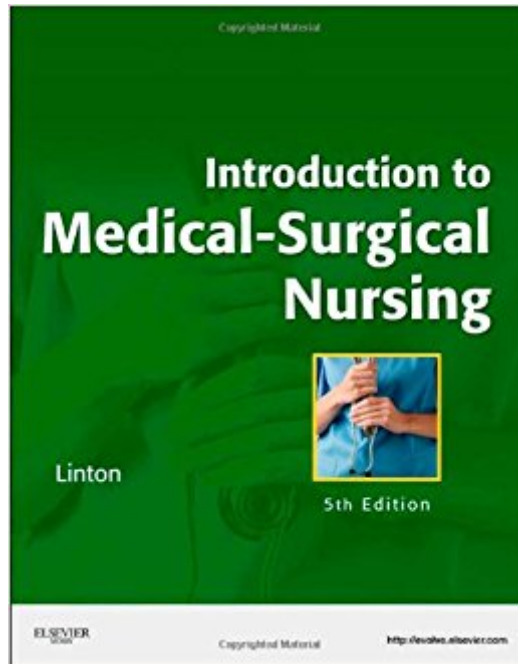


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# Introduction To Medical-Surgical Nursing, 5th Edition



## Synopsis

With just the right level of information to equip you to effectively care for adults and older adults, Linton's Introduction to Medical-Surgical Nursing, 5th Edition is the leading LPN/LVN text in its field. Covering both med-surg and psychiatric mental health conditions and disorders, it addresses your role in a variety of care settings, emphasizes culturally competent care and holistic nursing, and thoroughly covers all relevant NCLEX-PN Test Plan content. Abundant real-life case studies clearly show how to apply what you've learned to clinical practice. Features separate chapters on common, high-profile disorders (including hypertension, diabetes, and shock), providing an in-depth understanding for patient care. Offers foundational units on basic concepts related to the health care system, care settings, the nursing process, leadership, nutrition, the older adult, growth and nutrition, legal/ethical considerations, evidence-based nursing care, and many more essential topics, avoiding repetition later in the text. Includes a separate, comprehensive unit on the older adult and related disorders • no other LPN/LVN med-surg text has as much coverage of this primary patient group. Includes a separate, comprehensive unit on psychosocial responses to illness, psychiatric disorders, and substance abuse • eliminating the need for a separate psychiatric mental health nursing text. Emphasizes content related to the NCLEX-PN Test Plan, including health promotion, nutrition, legal/ethical issues, HIPAA, and prevention of medication/medical errors. Offers in-depth pharmacology coverage: the Pharmacology Tutorial covers drug classifications, how drugs work, and nursing responsibilities; Pharmacology Capsules boxes provide medication information, precautions for use, interactions, and side/adverse effects; and Pharmacology and Medications tables in body systems chapters include classification, use/action, side/adverse effects, and nursing interventions • all with the goal of reducing medication errors on the job and equipping you to pass the NCLEX exam. Assists with assignment and supervision, helping you assign tasks to nurse assistants, patient care techs, and unlicensed assistive personnel, and making sure you understand the difference between delegation, management, supervision, and assignment of tasks on the health care team. Features Diagnostic Tests and Procedures tables for a quick reference to MRI, CT, Doppler flow, lumbar puncture tests for neurologic disorders, and much more. Highlights timely information with Health Promotion boxes, Cultural Considerations boxes, Nutrition Considerations boxes, and Complementary and Alternative Therapies boxes. Provides bulleted lists of nursing instructions for Patient Teaching Plans, stressing the role and responsibility of the LPN/LVN to reinforce patient education. Provides consistent Nursing Care Plans that reinforce the nursing process and focus on critical thinking, and Put on Your Thinking Cap Critical Thinking boxes encourage you to pause and consider the practical

implications of what you have just read. Highlights safety and risk factors with a new Safety Considerations icon, alerting you to potential risks in the clinical setting. Emphasizes evidence-based practice, providing specific examples of how scientific evidence can justify and support patient care. Offers a unique focus on prioritization throughout, with top priorities for each major disorder emphasized in all nursing care sections, to help you better prepare for the NCLEX exam. Get Ready for the NCLEX-PN Examination! includes Key Points, Review Questions, and Case Studies that address the NCLEX Client Needs categories of Safe and Effective Care Environment, Physiological Integrity, Psychosocial Integrity, and Health Promotion and Maintenance. An excellent review for course assessments and the NCLEX exam! Enhanced resources on Evolve include: Get Ready for the NCLEX-PN Examination! includes interactive prioritization exercises, case studies, review questions, and a pharmacology tutorial. Fluids and Electrolytes Tutorial Body Spectrum A&P Coloring Book Spanish/English Glossary Laboratory Reference Values Expanded Audio Glossary Animations of anatomy and physiology and procedures

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## **Customer Reviews**

Okay, it is a Med-Surg book, so it's not going to be super exciting. But the material in med-surg, (disease processes and nursing interventions) could be interesting material. But not in this book. It is very dry, incredibly boring, the chapters are FAR too long. I feel like it repeats the same information a lot, and it is hard to read and trudge through. I thoroughly DO NOT enjoy having to

use this book. One other problem with the book, although I have the current edition, is that it is slightly out of date. The information on hemorrhoids for example go into great detail about procedures that are hardly ever used anymore, and it brushes over laser removal in one sentence saying it isn't common because it is too expensive, when in reality, laser removal is now one of the best treatments there are for hemorrhoids. It also has outdated information on diverticulosis and diets for patients with that disease. Recent studies have shown that the old rule of no nuts and seeds makes no difference to the patient. Any gastroenterologist will tell you this. At times it also feels like the book goes into way too much detail--I am studying to be a nurse, not a physician and not a dietitian. It is miserable picking through the chapters of this book and trying to determine what actually applies to me as a nurse. 90% of the content I have never been tested on in class, nor have I seen in any of the NCLEX reviews. Obviously, this is the book my school is using for med-surg, so I have no choice but to suck it up and bear it. It is just a difficult book to work through and understand (and I am an A student with a 4.0). Lastly, I have found multiple contradictions in this book compared to my pharmacology book published by the same company, so it becomes very confusing trying to determine which answer is correct, and often the instructors can't even answer it, so this is a foreseeable problem for the NCLEX, not knowing what information is correct. If you have a choice, which you probably don't, go with a different book. If you are an instructor looking for the text you want to use, PLEASE consider a book that isn't so dry, breaks things down more simply, doesn't repeat itself, and has up-to-date medical information. On the plus side, I bought the book used, so even though it was still quite expensive I saved a lot of money. The book arrived very quickly--got it in plenty of time for class. It was also in excellent condition even though it was used. One last thing, this book is huge and VERY heavy. It's a real pain to carry around and barely fits in a backpack.

Just what I needed for school.

Oddly enough, this book has the information omitted from the 6th Edition and now I use both because the course has questions from both.

I had already had the study guide for this book and am so happy that I was able to obtain the actual book to study from before it became obsolete. It has more than exceeded my expectations and I am so happy for the service that I have received.

The book is easy to use and read. Very user friendly. It does have letters in some areas that I don't know what it is there for. But I guess I will go to the glossary to see if there is any mention of that there. Other than that, there is not much to say.

Books that are written by this trend are great for the LPN student. They have excellent study guides that really have you search out the information, and makes it easy to learn and retain information. I am using another med-surg textbook, actually, but, for maternal child nursing, my school used Introduction to Maternal and Pediatric Nursing by Gloria Leifer. Got an A because of the way information was worded and that fantastic study guide. Once I knew that they had a med-surg text, I immediately purchased it, although I only have one semester left. I got an A on my first exam, while most people used the required text and got Bs. Also consider purchasing Basic Pharmacology for Nurses in this thread. That particular one can be for RNs OR LPNs. You'll be ahead of the class, trust me!

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A great value and an excellent book for nursing or caregivers. Very detailed and written at college level which can help with classes.

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