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This sixth edition of *Illustrated Study Guide for the NCLEX-PN® Exam* continues to provide an up-to-date review book illustrated with graphics, pictures, and cartoon images to enhance your review and retention of critical nursing information. The book contains information specifically designed to assist you in preparing for the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN®). This text emphasizes the integrated approach to nursing practice that the NCLEX-PN is designed to test. This book’s primary purpose is to assist you to thoroughly review facts, principles, and applications of the nursing process. It should alleviate many of the concerns you may have about what, how, and when to study.

We have spent a great deal of time studying the NCLEX-PN test format and have incorporated this information into this book. We have included an explanation and examples of alternate format questions. In our review courses, which we have taught across the country, we have identified specific student needs and correlated this information with the test plan in order to develop this study guide. Study questions are at the end of each chapter for you to check your reading and comprehension. In addition, there are over 1400 test questions available online for practicing your testing skills.

We have designed graphics that highlight important information to make the book more visually appealing:

**TEST ALERT:** Identifies important concepts that are reflected on the PN Practice Analysis from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc.

**NURSING PRIORITY:** Assists to distinguish priorities of nursing care.

Disease conditions are easily located by this design element.

Home Care can be found under the Nursing Interventions section.

Medication information is easily found in chapter appendixes.

High Alert medications identified by Joint Commission and the Institute for Safe Medication Practices are noted by this symbol.

The comments from our review course participants, as well as extensive faculty reviews on our fifth edition, have helped to shape the development of this sixth edition. We hope this text will prove even more beneficial to nursing faculty, students, and graduate nurses. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your success in nursing.

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