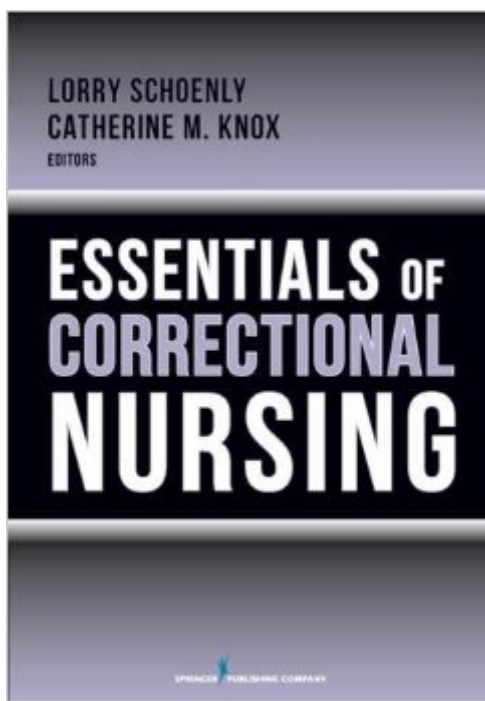


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# Essentials Of Correctional Nursing



## Synopsis

Essentials of Correctional Nursing is the first new and comprehensive text about this growing field to be published in the last decade. Fortunately, the editors have done a great job in all respects...This book should be required reading for all medical practitioners and administrators working in jails or prisons. It certainly belongs on the shelf of every nurse, physician, ancillary healthcare professional and corrections administrator."--Corhealth (The Newsletter of the American Correctional Health Services Association) I highly recommend Essentials of Correctional Nursing, by Lorry Schoenly, PhD, RN, CCHP-RN and Catherine M. Knox, MN, RN, CCHP-RN, editors. This long-awaited book, dedicated to the professional specialty of correctional nursing, is not just a "good read," it is one of "those books" that stays on your desk and may never make it to the bookshelf."--American Jails

Correctional nursing has minimal published texts to support, educate, and provide ongoing best practices in this specialty. Schoenly and Knox have successfully met those needs with Essentials of Correctional Nursing."--Journal of Correctional Health Care Nurses have been described as the backbone of correctional health care. Yet the complex challenges of caring for this disenfranchised population are many. Ethical dilemmas around issues of patient privacy and self-determination abound, and the ability to adhere to the central tenet of nursing, the concept of caring, is often compromised. Essentials of Correctional Nursing supports correctional nurses by providing a comprehensive body of current, evidence-based knowledge about the best practices to deliver optimal nursing care to this population. It describes how nurses can apply their knowledge and skills to assess the full range of health conditions presented by incarcerated individuals and determine the urgency and priority of requisite care. The book describes the unique health needs and corresponding care for juveniles, women, and individuals at the end of life. Chapters are devoted to nursing care for patients with chronic disease, infectious disease, mental illness, or pain, or who are in withdrawal from drugs or alcohol. Chapters addressing health screening, medical emergencies, sick call, and dental care describe how nurses identify, respond to, and manage these health care concerns in the correctional setting. The Essentials of Correctional Nursing was written and reviewed by experienced correctional nurses with thousands of hours of experience. American Nurses Association standards are woven throughout the text, which provide the information needed by nurses studying for certification exams in correctional nursing. The text will also be of value to nurses working in such settings as emergency departments, specialty clinics, hospitals, psychiatric treatment units, community health clinics, substance abuse treatment programs, and long-term care settings, where they may encounter patients who are currently or have previously been incarcerated. Key Features: Addresses legal and ethical issues surrounding correctional nursing

Covers common inmate-patient health care concerns and diseases Discusses the unique health needs of juveniles, women, and individuals at the end of life Describes how nurses can safely navigate the correctional environment to create a therapeutic alliance with patients Provides information about health screening, medical emergencies, sick call, and dental care Serves as a core resource in the preparation for correctional nursing certification exams

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This newly released book on the speciality of Correctional Health Nursing is the first in the growing field of health care in our countries jails and prisons. The Essentials Book focuses on the history, standards of care, common diseases and nursing care processes for delivering care to patients. Those of us, who have been dedicated to the profession of correctional nursing, are very excited about this advancement of practice and the ability to have a document that is our textbook, best practices reference and teaches us care guidelines. Correctional Nursing is a blend of hospital nursing (wound care, medicine management, health education, nursing treatments etc.) plus an overlay of a unique environment with specific legal parameters and with a population possessing higher than community incidents for communicable disease, chronic diseases, mental illness and addictions. The Essentials Book combines all of corrections knowledge areas which cover conventional as well as specific skills and understanding to practice nursing in our jails and prisons. With over 2.3 million citizens incarcerated in our nation's institutions, there are many nurses (may be over 130,000) who specilize in this field. We area a "hidden" sub specialty of nursing, with

continually advancing in practice, pride and dedication. Since health care in our institutions is legally based on community standards, this amazing resource has bridged this knowledge gap to make one place to obtain information about all areas of nursing care. Lorry Schoenly and Catherine Knox have brought together experts from across the country to write this book for all of us to learn about Correctional Nursing or who are in the practice of delivering quality care.

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