Multi-agency Safeguarding in a Public Protection World

Despite recent legislation and a greater focus on multi-agency working, there remains a need for individuals across the professions to understand the various roles, responsibilities and liabilities relevant to the safeguarding agenda, and the part they should be playing.

Safeguarding requires professionals to work together to ensure effective information sharing as well as supporting the individuals involved in obtaining the best person-centred outcomes. But it can be difficult for individuals from a variety of agencies to understand each other’s professional language and processes – and this can lead to misunderstanding and difficulties with interaction.

The review of relevant law and guidance gives the reader useful explanations and has been written in such a way that there is a shared language across the agencies. This book is insightful and has valuable case studies and further links.

It provides professionals, both new and experienced in the difficult world of safeguarding, with an oversight of the themes and issues relevant to child protection and vulnerable adults. It will not replace local policies and procedures, but provides a helpful resource for those working in this arena and practical guidance when dealing with a safeguarding incident.

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Living with Lymphoma: A Patient’s Guide

By interweaving explanations of the science of lymphoma with reflections on her own experiences of the condition, the author has produced a unique and engaging book that offers a great deal more than many others on the subject.

The author’s background as a neurobiologist has helped her to illuminate skilfully the multifaceted nature of lymphoma.

She provides clear and succinct explanations of complex tests, such as serum protein electrophoresis, chemotherapy regimens used across the varieties of lymphoma, monoclonal antibodies and stem cell transplants.

Nursing students and nurses new to oncology and haematology settings should find these aspects of the book especially helpful in getting to grips with the complexity of diagnosing and managing lymphoma in its various forms.

The chapter on unconventional therapies explores lifestyle-oriented approaches, psychosocial interventions and herbal medicines, and will help experienced nurses provide appropriate responses to patients considering these approaches to improve their quality of life.

The author addresses cell biology, classifications and staging, and possible causes of lymphoma in the final part. This section is detailed and will meet the needs of experienced oncology and haematology nurses who want to build on their knowledge.

Reading this text is an enlightening experience and all nurses caring for lymphoma patients should ensure it is on their reading list.


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Psychology for Nursing

A collected volume of essays by various authors, this book gives the reader expert guidance in different areas of psychology.

The chapters cover a range of areas, including nursing adults and people with learning disabilities. This approach means the book will most likely be dipped into, rather than becoming an essential reference for nursing students.

A better approach may have been to organise the book so that each chapter follows an individual’s journey from health to illness and back through recovery and rehabilitation, or to end of life care. Such a structure would have been beneficial because, irrespective of the patient’s diagnosis, the journey through health, illness, recovery and, eventually, end of life, is common to everyone.

The book does a good job of grounding psychological theories in practice in a useful way. The authors cover health beliefs, problems resulting from pain, and stress and illness.

It would have been valuable to see something on help-seeking behaviour and altered body image. However, with a subject area as large as psychology, topics will be omitted.

Each chapter ends with questions for discussion, which could be used in tutorial sessions.


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