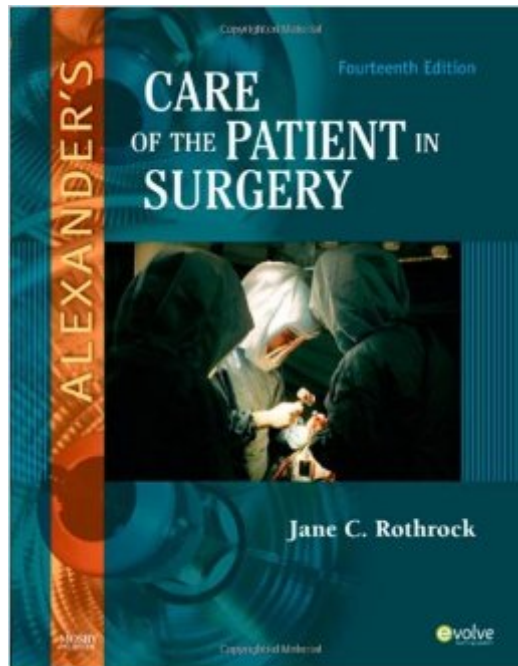


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# Alexander's Care Of The Patient In Surgery, 14e



## Synopsis

For more than 65 years, Alexander's Care of the Patient in Surgery has been a trusted source for detailed information on perioperative nursing. Well-known author and educator Jane C. Rothrock sets up a solid foundation for practice, and offers step-by-step instructions for over 400 surgical interventions as well as many minimally invasive surgical procedures, all backed by the latest research. More than 1,000 full-color illustrations and photos depict procedures and methods, as well as surgical anatomy and instrumentation. This edition adds Rapid Response Team boxes with suggested interventions, plus coverage of new trends in patient and staff safety, the increase in interventional radiology, and the growth of outpatient ambulatory surgery. Alexander's gives you the tools you need to provide safe, cost-effective, high-quality patient care. Cutting-edge information keeps you up to date with the latest technological advances related to surgical procedures, both invasive and non-invasive, including areas such as interventional radiology. 1,250 full-color illustrations and photos show surgical anatomy, instrumentation, procedures, and methods. Over 400 specialty surgical interventions are included, as well as many minimally invasive surgical procedures. A full-color design highlights special features and makes it easier to focus on essential concepts. Patient and Family Education boxes include specific guidelines for preprocedural and postprocedural care, side effects and complications, home care, discharge/follow-up care, psychosocial care, and referrals. Surgical Pharmacology tables summarize and offer quick reference to the drugs most commonly used for specific surgical procedures, including generic and trade names, purpose/description, and pharmacokinetics. Patient Safety boxes highlight recent Joint Commission initiatives and important safety topics. Evidence for Practice boxes apply scientific research to perioperative nursing. Research Highlight boxes provide the latest research and apply it to patient care. History boxes summarize significant historical events related to surgery and perioperative nursing. A clear and consistent chapter format makes it easy to find information, including general discussions of surgical anatomy and perioperative nursing considerations followed by more specific discussions of procedural considerations and operative procedure for each surgical intervention. Sample plans of care include nursing diagnosis, outcome, and interventions, linking specific interventions to clearly identified outcomes. An emphasis on workplace safety includes recent OSHA guidelines, and helps you recognize and address an unsafe work environment. Comprehensive discussions of Perioperative Nursing Considerations cover Assessment, Nursing Diagnosis, Outcome Identification, Planning, Implementation, Evaluation, Patient and Family Education and Discharge Planning. Coverage of emergency preparedness and bioterrorism helps you know what to look for and how to handle different situations. Coverage of

cross-specialty areas includes special considerations for pediatric, geriatric, and trauma surgeries, as well as interventional radiology, complementary and alternative therapy, plus workplace issues and staff safety. Expanded Evolve website now includes new printable flashcards, OR Live links, and AHRQ case studies, and continues to have medical animations, surgical instrumentation photos, content updates, patient and family education tables, and surgical pharmacology tables. Patient Safety and Risk Management chapter addresses growing concerns for patient safety and liability within the OR, including issues related to documentation, legal issues, and patients' rights. Interventional Radiology chapter covers the patient care needs associated with outpatient procedures done via scopes. Workplace Issues and Staff Safety chapter explores how a positive workplace can improve morale, safety, and productivity. Ambulatory Surgery Considerations boxes highlight information related to outpatient surgery. Risk Reduction Strategies boxes describe ways to minimize negative outcomes in the perioperative setting. Unique Rapid Response Team boxes suggest ways to intervene earlier in critical situations with the goal of preventing an emergency crisis response. Unique pharmacology index provides a quick and easy reference to drug information.

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This book really helped me though out my preceptorship in the operating room. I was thrown in to this unit as a nursing student. the facility had never taken on senior nursing students in a long term

segment (7 weeks) and didn't have any idea what to teach me or what to do with me. My preceptor handed me this book and by the end i was able to circulate and scrub on minor cases with complete confidence in what i was doing. it is concise in some areas, and detailed where it needs to be, gives great explanations and rationals. the only problem i found was the different tools. The west coast and the east coast have different names for the instruments, and the ones named in the book are more consistant with the names in the west. but other than that. love love loved it

I'm fairly new to peri-operative nursing and have purchased several other books to help me prepare and understand my work better. This is by far the best resource as it gives a great overview of the surgical procedures. I reference it prior to every procedure to which I am assigned. If one is looking for a reference to help with more detail regarding skin preparation, equipment, positioning aids, instrumentation and supplies needed for the procedure, I recommend the Pocket Guide to the Operating Room by Maxine A. Goldman. The combination of these two books has helped me immensely.

I am an OR nurse and this book has a lot of useful information about patient care during various surgical procedures. It also outlines what the doctors are doing in the surgery so that you are better informed. Great reference to have on hand for anyone working in an operating room.

Years ago, when I was a young operating room nurse, this text was the "go-to" reference for my field. Even as a retired nurse, I find that the latest edition provides a vast amount of excellent information one might need in this age of "information overload" from the internet.

Many years ago I bought this book. Now I have a new version. This book is very helpful to me. I would recomend it for everybody who work in operating room.

This is a wonderful textbook. It served me well over the years. Helped me with my preparation for my certification exam. I know use it as a required textbook for my students. The information provided in this textbook is invaluable.

Excellent book for an OR nurse in training and a fantastic resource for the experienced OR nurse. Excellent visuals and up to date information.

Great book. If it wasn't necessary for my class, I'd still have bought it.

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