
Acute Pain Medicine

This definitive clinical reference comprehensively reviews the most advanced methods for assessing the person in pain. The field's leading authorities present essential information and tools for evaluating psychosocial, behavioral, situational, and medical factors in patients' subjective experience, functional impairment, and response to treatment. Empirically supported instruments and procedures are detailed, including self-report measures, observational techniques, psychophysiological measures, and more. Best-practice recommendations are provided for assessing the most prevalent pain
syndromes and for working with children, older adults, and people with communication difficulties. The book also weighs in on the limitations of existing methods and identifies key directions for future research.

Core Curriculum for Pain Management Nursing - E-Book

This textbook provides an overview of pain management useful to specialists as well as non-specialists, surgeons, and nursing staff.

Pain Management, An Issue of Anesthesiology Clinics, E-Book

Organizational Influences on Nurses' Pain Management Practice and Patient Outcomes

The aim of this project was to improve pain documentation on the Surgical Unit as a means to enhance caregiver communication on finding the best methods to manage patients' pain. Effectively managing patients' pain leads to better patient outcomes, increased patient and nurse satisfaction, and decreased length of hospitalization. The setting is a not-for-profit hospital in Southern California. The microsystem selected is the 32-bed capacity Surgical Unit that mainly admits pre- and post-surgical patients, but also accommodates non-surgical, telemetry, and trauma cases. To improve pain assessment documentation, collaboration was sought with the multidisciplinary team (IT department, clinical nurse specialists, and a nursing task force), to create an easier way for nurses to document a pain assessment with each administration of a pain medication. Initiating changes to the eMAR began late February 2016 and presented to the Surgical Unit staff during the first week of March 2016. Prior to implementation, chart audits were performed between January to February 2016 and found that assessments were only being performed 80% of the time. Changes to the methods of documentation in the eMAR, staff in-services, and the distribution of educational materials has raised compliance to 87%. Sustainability is expected to prevail as the intervention has stakeholder support, is in line with the institution's procedures, and has perceived benefits from staff members.

Assessment and Management of Acute Pain in Adult Medical Inpatients

Together with Consulting Editor Dr. Stephen Krau, Tandy Gabbert has put together a comprehensive issue that discusses important clinical topics for orthopedic nurses. Expert authors have contributed clinical review articles on the following topics: Proactive wellness care for the patient with osteoarthritis; Innovations in care of the elderly hip fracture patient; A Day in the Life of Advanced Practice Nurses providing care to patients with musculoskeletal conditions; Emerging spine care trends and innovations; Fighting the epidemic: Bone health and osteoporosis; An update on total joint arthroplasty: Current models of care, strategies and innovations providing the best patient outcomes, and the big changes in the patient experience; Legal implications in the care of orthopedic patients; Serious complications and how to prevent them; New on the scene: Orthopedic Nurse Navigator; Pain management for the orthopedic patient,
closing the gap; Advances in sports medicine and care of the adolescent athlete; The ever changing world of limb salvage surgery for malignant bone tumors; and Excellence in patient education: Evidence-based education that improves patient outcomes. Readers will come away with the information they need to improve outcomes in orthopedic patients.

Cancer Pain Management in Developing Countries

The Handbook of Perioperative Pain Management is an up-to-date evidence-based guide to the effective management of perioperative pain even in the most challenging situations. It provides readers with an understanding of the physiology, pharmacology and psychology of acute pain together with guidelines for best practice. Examples of assessment documentation and guidelines for specific patient sub-groups are reproduced throughout the text.

Clinical Pain Management

Highly Commended, BMA Medical Book Awards 2015 Comprehensive acute pain management no longer means only caring for patients with pain resulting from postoperative and trauma-related causes—it now includes managing patients with acute pain arising from a wide variety of conditions. Acute Pain Management: A Practical Guide provides health professional

Perioperative Pain Management

Accompanying CD-ROM contains "quality-of-life questionnaires."—Page x.

Patient Safety and Quality

Evaluating Effectiveness of Pain Management Education for Hospice Nurses

Culture, Brain, and Analgesia

Acute Pain

"Nurses play a vital role in improving the safety and quality of patient care -- not only in the hospital or ambulatory treatment facility, but also of community-based care and the care performed by family members. Nurses need know what proven techniques and interventions they can use to enhance patient outcomes. To address this need, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), with additional funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, has prepared
Pain Management

Integrative Pain Management provides an overview of pain physiology, current conventional care options, an understanding of integrative medicine as it applies to pain management, the role of pain practitioners when working collaboratively, and the utilization of an expansive and patient-centered treatment model. This comprehensive guide written by experts in the field provides case examples of pain conditions, reviews common integrative treatments including physical therapy, behavioral strategies, and advanced procedures to maximize function and reduce pain, and extensive further reading resources. Part of the Weil Integrative Medicine Library, this volume offers clinicians treating pain innovative and patient-centered tools for approaching their most difficult cases to improve their approach and outcomes. The book provides access to additional online content that supplements some of the integrative interventions discussed including videos of tai chi in pain management, a demonstration of motivational interviewing as practitioner empowerment, and figures including the STarT Back Screening Tool (SBST) for spine care. Integrative medicine is defined as healing-oriented medicine that takes account of the whole person (body, mind, and spirit) as well as all aspects of lifestyle; it emphasizes the therapeutic relationship and makes use of appropriate therapies, both conventional and alternative. Series editor Andrew Weil, MD, is Professor and Director of the Arizona Center for Integrative Medicine at the University of Arizona. Dr. Weil's program was the first such academic program in the U.S., and its stated goal is "to combine the best ideas and practices of conventional and alternative medicine into cost effective treatments without embracing alternative practices uncritically."

Comprehensive Pain Management in the Rehabilitation Patient

Publisher's Note: Products purchased from 3rd Party sellers are not guaranteed by the Publisher for quality, authenticity, or access to any online entitlements included with the product. This exhaustively comprehensive edition of the classic Bonica’s Management of Pain, first published 65 years ago, expertly combines the scientific underpinnings of pain with clinical management. Completely revised, it discusses a wide variety of pain conditions—including neuropathic pain, pain due to cancer, and acute pain situations—for adults as well as children. An international group of the foremost experts provides comprehensive, current, clinically oriented coverage of the entire field. The contributors describe contemporary clinical practice and summarize the evidence that guides clinical practice.

Pain Assessment and Management

Psychosocial Factors in Pain

Written in a succinct format, this book presents a variety of pain conditions seen in acute or sub-acute rehabilitation hospitals and in outpatient clinical settings. Bio-medical and bio-psychosocial perspectives, as well as theory, clinical practice, and practical aspects of managing pain are offered throughout this volume. Chapters are organized by sections, beginning with an introduction to pain as well use of the multi-disciplinary treatment approach. Additional sections cover headache management, pain diagnostics, medication management, rehabilitation, injections and procedures, behavioral management, complementary and alternative medicine, neuromodulation, neuroablation, surgical management of pain, and novel techniques. Business and legal perspectives of pain medicine are also addressed. Comprehensive Pain Management in the Rehabilitation Patient is a handy resource for any medical, interventional, surgical, rehabilitative, behavioral, or allied health provider who treats pain across the rehabilitation continuum.

Relieving Pain in America

Up to 35% of adults suffer from chronic pain, and a substantial number of these patients are admitted to hospitals every year. A major concern of these patients is whether the pain will be adequately controlled during hospitalization. These patients are more likely to have poor pain control and may experience an exacerbation of their co-existing chronic pain condition during hospital admission. Adequate pain control is directly related to clinical outcomes, length of hospital stay, and patient satisfaction. A considerable body of evidence demonstrates the medical, social, and economic benefits of satisfactory inpatient pain control. Currently, there are limited pain control guidelines to address this challenging inpatient population. In fact, there are no guidelines outlining best practices for postoperative pain control in patients with chronic pain. The complex nature of chronic pain and a dearth of publications addressing the concerns of these patients make the creation of relevant guidelines difficult. The goal of this book is to equip clinicians to provide safe and effective management of hospitalized patients with co-existing chronic pain. Each chapter addresses a particular clinical question and is written by an expert in the field. Chapters describe basic principles and specific clinical situations commonly encountered during the care of patients with co-existing chronic pain in hospital settings.

Practical Pain Management

Despite the availability of analgesia and national guidelines to manage pain, the incidence of reported acute postoperative pain has remained stable over the last ten years. Acute pain associated with surgical procedures remains inadequately managed for many patients. Patient reports of satisfaction during their hospital stay and care received are used in public reporting and pay-for-performance reviews. Therefore, pain management has had increased recognition as an important component of high quality care and a key factor of patient satisfaction. According to a recent study, patients report being satisfied with their care/hospitalization at a 4.86 times greater rate if pain was controlled. Satisfaction is 9.92 times greater if the staff's performance with pain control was deemed appropriate. The purpose of this study was to evaluate the correlation of the Pain Target Program as compared to patient satisfaction in hospitalized post-surgical
patients with acute pain. The theory of unpleasant pain symptoms guided this study. Information was gathered to assist in designing an effective means either to prevent or manage the unpleasant symptoms of pain. Despite a report of lower pain ratings in the post implementation of the PTP group, there was no statistical significance found with the implementation of the pain target program on patient satisfaction with pain control.

**Anaesthesia, Pain, Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine - A.P.I.C.E.**

Clinics Collections: Pain Management draws from Elsevier's robust Clinics Review Articles database to provide multidisciplinary teams, including general practitioners, orthopedists, obstetricians, neurologists, gastroenterologists, nurses, and other healthcare professionals, with practical clinical advice and insights on this highly prevalent disease and its comorbidities. Clinics Collections: Pain Management guides readers on how to apply current primary research findings on pain management to everyday practice to help overcome challenges and complications, keep up with new and improved treatment methods, and improve patient outcomes. Areas of focus include physiology and general management, musculoskeletal pain of the head, neck, upper body and lower body, as well as neurologic disorders, psychologic disorders, and special considerations. Each article begins with keywords and key points for immediate access to the most critical information. Articles are presented in an easy-to-digest and concisely worded format. Elsevier Clinics Collections provide concise reviews of today's most prevalent conditions and significant medical developments. Other Clinics Collections titles available include Type II Diabetes Mellitus, Asthma, and Obesity.

**Use of the Patient Whiteboard to Improve Communication of Pain Medication Schedule**

In this book, the authors have placed culture in the forefront of their approach to study pain in an integrative manner. Culture should not be considered solely for knowing more about patients' values, beliefs, and practices. It should be studied with the purpose of unveiling its effects upon biological systems and the pain neuromatrix. The book discusses how a multidisciplinary and integrative approach to pain and analgesia should be considered. Some familiarity with the cultural background of patients and awareness of the provider's own cultural characteristics will allow the pain practitioner to better understand patients' values, attitudes and preferences. Knowledge of patients' cultural practices will allow determining the impact of culture on biological processes, including the origin and development of pain-related disease, and the patients' response to pharmacological and non-pharmacological treatments. Acknowledging the interactions of molecules, genes and culture could yield a more appropriate and effective personalized pain medicine. Furthermore, this approach has the potential to transform the way pain medicine is taught to young students and future pain professionals, and in so doing meet the need of trained clinicians who are versed in multiple disciplines and are able to use an integrative approach to diagnose and treat pain. A personalized medicine will have non-negligible positive effects in improving doctor patient relationships, patient satisfaction, adherence to treatment plans, and health outcomes and inequities. It is hoped that the material in this volume will appeal to a broad cross-section of health practitioners, students and academicians, including pain medicine specialists, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, mental health, community and public health workers, health policy makers, and health administrators.

Publisher's Note: Products purchased from 3rd Party sellers are not guaranteed by the Publisher for quality, authenticity, or access to any online entitlements included with the product. A Comprehensive Handbook of Cancer Pain Management in Developing Countries Written by an international panel of expert pain physicians, A Comprehensive Handbook of Cancer Pain Management in Developing Countries addresses this challenging and vital topic with reference to the latest body of evidence relating to cancer pain. It thoroughly covers pain management in the developing world, explaining the benefit of psychological, interventional, and complementary therapies in cancer pain management, as well as the importance of identifying and overcoming regulatory and educational barriers.

Building a Successful Pain Management Practice

PAIN: CLINICAL MANUAL provides practical tools and guidelines for treating patients' pain in all clinical settings and age groups. This useful resource features ready-to-use, reproducible pain rating scales, guidelines, forms, and patient medication information handouts. Comprehensive pharmacologic chapters discuss the three groups of analgesics, dose titration, drug combinations, routes of administration, and prevention of side effects. Additionally, it includes pain rating scales in over 20 languages and quick guides with illustrations of selected pain problems. PAIN: CLINICAL MANUAL is a valuable resource for anyone who cares for patients with pain. * Provides ready-to-use forms and recommendations for pain care committees to assist health care facilities to prepare for JCAHO inspections. * Includes two FREE pocket-size, laminated cards: equianalgesic charts to assist clinicians with dose calculations when changing routes of administration or analgesics, and dosing guides to commonly used adjuvants and nonopioids. * Includes FREE access to Mosby's PAIN WEBSITE. * The most clinically useful book ever published on pain, written by authorities who helped establish the pain management movement. * Includes 11 new chapters and five expanded and updated chapters to provide the most accurate, up-to-date, and comprehensive pain management information. * Includes icons to alert the reader to important, need-to-know information, such as pediatric content, patient examples, and reproducible material. * Features over 200 boxes and tables to help quickly locate key information and apply complex concepts at the bedside. * Presents a unique, multidisciplinary perspective. * Provides ready-to-use, practical, proven, and reproducible tools, pain assessment and documentation forms, and guides to analgesic use. * Contains patient information handouts on analgesics and nondrug methods of pain relief to educate the patient/family/caregiver about the patient's specific pain management. * Includes reproducible key policies, procedures, and protocols to assist the clinician in implementing patient focused interdisciplinary pain management. * Presents pharmacology content in four chapters - the three analgesic groups and an overview of how to combine them - to provide a readily understandable reference and practical resource. * Includes quick guides with illustrations of selected pain problems, such as pain related to sickle cell disease, peripheral neuropathy, and fibromyalgia. * Contains pain rating scales in over 20 languages to enhance patient/clinician communication in culturally diverse populations.

Improving Patients' Pain Management Through Proper Documentation
Integrative Pain Management

This multidisciplinary volume provides the latest information on the role of psychosocial factors in chronic, acute, and recurrent pain. Reporting on significant advances in our understanding of all aspects of pain, the volume is designed to help practitioners, students, and researchers in a wide range of health care disciplines think more comprehensively about the etiologies, assessment, and management of this prevalent—and debilitating—symptom. Chapters from leading clinical investigators address many of the most frequently encountered pain syndromes, focusing on the interplay of somatic and psychosocial factors in the experience, maintenance, and exacerbation of pain. Issues related to evaluation, prevention, and management are explored in depth, with coverage of such topics as the role of pain management in primary care settings, the prediction of responses to pain and responses to treatment, and the influence of gender.

Acute Pain Management

Acute Pain Medicine is the first comprehensive, case-based text of its kind that explores the essential topics of acute pain medicine, including interventional, pharmacologic, and diagnostic considerations. Written and edited under the auspices of the American Academy of Pain Medicine by members of the Academy's Shared Interest Group for Acute Pain Medicine, the text includes an introduction to acute pain medicine and an easily referenced interventional section. Chapters focus on patients experiencing acute pain from either surgery or other medical conditions and include detailed information on the diagnosis and treatment of specific cases in acute pain medicine. The text is rounded out by the complete content of the thoroughly revised Military Advanced Regional Anesthesia and Analgesia Handbook (MARAA II). Although the MARAA handbook gained its reputation as a useful resource for managing the pain associated with battlefield trauma, its beautifully illustrated step-by-step guidance is useful for providing vital acute pain services in all settings. Acute Pain Medicine is an ideal, complete resource for physicians, fellows, and residents managing acute pain patients.

Acute Pain Management

Chronic pain costs the nation up to $635 billion each year in medical treatment and lost productivity. The 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act required the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to enlist the Institute of Medicine (IOM) in examining pain as a public health problem. In this report, the IOM offers a blueprint for action in transforming prevention, care, education, and research, with the goal of providing relief for people with pain in America. To reach the vast multitude of people with various types of pain, the nation must adopt a population-level prevention and management strategy. The IOM recommends that HHS develop a comprehensive plan with specific goals, actions, and timeframes. Better data are needed to help shape efforts, especially on the groups of people currently underdiagnosed and undertreated, and the IOM encourages federal and state agencies and private organizations to accelerate the collection of data on pain incidence, prevalence, and treatments. Because pain varies from patient to
patient, healthcare providers should increasingly aim at tailoring pain care to each person's experience, and self-management of pain should be promoted. In addition, because there are major gaps in knowledge about pain across health care and society alike, the IOM recommends that federal agencies and other stakeholders redesign education programs to bridge these gaps. Pain is a major driver for visits to physicians, a major reason for taking medications, a major cause of disability, and a key factor in quality of life and productivity. Given the burden of pain in human lives, dollars, and social consequences, relieving pain should be a national priority.

Nurses' Pain Management Knowledge and Patient Outcomes Related to Pain

Pain is a leading cause of disability globally. The dramatic increase in opioid prescriptions within the past decade in the United States has contributed to the opioid epidemic the country currently faces, magnifying the need for longer term solutions to treat pain. The substantial burden of pain and the ongoing opioid crisis have attracted increased attention in medical and public policy communities, resulting in a revolution in thinking about how pain is managed. This new thinking acknowledges the complexity and biopsychosocial nature of the pain experience and the need for multifaceted pain management approaches with both pharmacological and nonpharmacological therapies. The magnitude and urgency of the twin problems of chronic pain and opioid addiction, combined with the changing landscape of pain management, prompted the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to convene a workshop on December 4â€”5, 2018, in Washington, DC. The workshop brought together a diverse group of stakeholders to discuss the current status of nonpharmacological approaches to pain management, gaps, and future directions. This publication summarizes the presentations and discussions from the workshop.

Bonica's Management of Pain

Clinical Pain Management takes a practical, interdisciplinary approach to the assessment and management of pain. Concise template chapters serve as a quick reference to physicians, anesthetists and neurologists, as well as other specialists, generalists, and trainees managing pain. Based on the International Association for the Study of Pain's clinical curriculum on the topic, this reference provides to-the-point best-practice guidance in an easy-to-follow layout including tables, bullets, algorithms and guidelines.

Evaluation of the Effect of the Pain Target Program on Patient Outcomes

Acute Pain brings coverage of this diverse area together in a single comprehensive clinical reference, from the basic mechanisms underlying the development of acute pain, to the various treatments that can be applied to control it in different clinical settings. Much expanded in this second edition, the volume reflects the huge advances that contin
Thoroughly revised to reflect contemporary diagnostics and treatment, this Third Edition is a comprehensive and practical reference on the assessment and management of acute and chronic pain. This edition features 14 new chapters and is filled with new information on invasive procedures, pharmacologic interventions, neuraxial pharmacotherapy, physical and occupational therapies, diagnostic techniques, pain in terminally ill patients, cancer pain, visceral pain, rheumatologic disorders, managed care, and medicolegal issues. Reorganized with two new sections focusing on diagnostics and cancer pain. A Brandon-Hill recommended title.

**Chronic Pain Management for the Hospitalized Patient**

Pain Assessment and Pharmacologic Management, by highly renowned authors Chris Pasero and Margo McCaffery, is destined to become the definitive resource in pain management in adults. It provides numerous reproducible tables, boxes, and figures that can be used in clinical practice, and emphasizes the benefits of a multimodal analgesic approach throughout. In addition, Patient Medication Information forms for the most commonly used medications in each analgesic group can be copied and given to patients. This title is an excellent resource for nurses to become certified in pain management. Presents best practices and evidence-based guidelines for assessing and managing pain most effectively with the latest medications and drug regimens. Features detailed, step-by-step guidance on effective pain assessment to help nurses appropriately evaluate pain for each patient during routine assessments. Provides reproducible tables, boxes, and figures that can be used in clinical practice. Contains Patient Medication Information forms for the most commonly used medications in each analgesic group, to be copied and given to patients. Offers the authors' world-renowned expertise in five sections: Underlying Mechanisms of Pain and the Pathophysiology of Neuropathic Pain includes figures that clearly illustrate nociception and classification of pain by inferred pathology. Assessment includes tools to assess patients who can report their pain as well as those who are nonverbal, such as the cognitively impaired and critically ill patients. Several pain-rating scales are translated in over 20 languages. Nonopioids includes indications for using acetaminophen or NSAIDs, and the prevention and treatment of adverse effects. Opioids includes guidelines for opioid drug selection and routes of administration, and the prevention and treatment of adverse effects. Adjuvant Analgesics presents different types of adjuvant analgesics for a variety of pain types, including persistent (chronic) pain, acute pain, neuropathic pain, and bone pain. Prevention and treatment of adverse effects is also covered. Includes helpful Appendices that provide website resources and suggestions for the use of opioid agreements and for incorporating pain documentation into the electronic medical record. Covers patients from young adults to frail older adults. Provides evidence-based, practical guidance on planning and implementing pain management in accordance with current TJC guidelines and best practices. Includes illustrations to clarify concepts and processes such as the mechanisms of action for pain medications. Features spiral binding to facilitate quick reference.

**Orthopedic Nursing, an Issue of Nursing Clinics of North America**

**Nursing Outcomes**
This text covers the fundamentals of pain, the pharmacology of drugs used, and summarises the current evidence base for the management of acute pain. It provides practical direct clinical applications and strategies for the management of specific medical conditions in patient groups such as the elderly.

**Evaluation and Prediction of Pain Management Program Outcomes for Chronic Low Back Pain Patients**

physical edition. Nursing Outcomes: State of the Science is an invaluable resource for nurse researchers, scholars, and health care professionals committed to effective, quality nursing care as evidenced by nursing-sensitive outcomes measurement. This text concentrates on outcome indicators which focus on how patients and their conditions are affected by their interaction with nursing staff. Each chapter includes a concept analysis of the outcome concept; then defining characteristics are identified and a conceptual definition is proposed. Factors that influence the outcome concept are discussed, as well as the consequences for clients' health and well-being. The strength of the evidence is reviewed concerning the sensitivity of the outcome concept to nursing structure variables and nursing/processes interventions. The author offers a comprehensive synthesis of the literature, critically reviews the quality of the evidence, and provides direction for the selection of outcome variables.

**Clinical Pain Management : Acute Pain**

The Role of Nonpharmacological Approaches to Pain Management

Learn how to successfully work with patients in pain with The Core Curriculum for Pain Management Nursing, 3rd Edition. Written by the American Society for Pain Management Nursing (the primary nursing organization in pain management), this easy-to-read text covers the entire scope of pain management in a very user-friendly outline format. This new edition has been thoroughly updated to reflect the latest standards and scope of practice put forth by the ASPMN. Yet, it still retains its strong nursing focus as it explores the nurse's role as a patient advocate in pain management and how that role changes from a Registered Nurse to a Clinical Nurse Specialist to a Nurse Practitioner. Both pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic methods of pain management are discussed, as is a wide variety of patient subsets beyond the traditional pediatric, adult, and geriatric patient. If you’re looking to pass the ASPMN credentialing exam and work successfully with all types of patients in pain, then this is the perfect text for you! Content written by the ASPMN (American Society for Pain Management Nursing), the primary nursing organization in pain management, ensures the material is authoritative and timely. UNIQUE! Expansive patient coverage addresses not only adults, pediatric and geriatric patients, but also key subsets of patients — such as those who have concomitant addiction, those who have cancer, those who are under sedation for a procedure, and more. Comprehensive coverage discusses important topics — such as the disparities in pain management, gender differences in pain and analgesia, the effect of depression on pain perception.
and management, the use of research, various theories of pain management, and more — to fully prepare you for your ASPMN credentialing exam and professional practice. UNIQUE! Strong nursing focus thoroughly explores the nurse's role as a patient advocate in pain management and how that role changes from a Registered Nurse to a Clinical Nurse Specialist to a Nurse Practitioner. Unique outline format makes the text an accessible and easy-to-read reference. NEW! Coverage of both pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic pain interventions has been updated to keep you abreast of the latest methods for both types of pain management. NEW! Thoroughly updated information reflects the latest standards and scope of practice as well as the blueprint for the ASPMN credentialing exam. NEW! Additional information on pain management in bariatric patients highlight important considerations that you need to know when caring for this specific patient population. NEW! Added illustrations and figures throughout the text make difficult concepts easier to understand.

Pain Assessment and Pharmacologic Management - E-Book

Progress in the field of medicine over the last 50 years has led to important results for society, both in terms of prevention and in the treatment of single or variously associated pathologies. The main objective of modern medicine has been the acquisition of increased skills and highly specialised knowledge in the various disciplines. At the same time, there has been a progressive multidisciplinary and multi-professional interest in acute disease conditions that place the patient in potential or real life-threatening situations. The state of the art of intensive medicine comprises a wide range of sophisticated interventions and collaboration between different medical disciplines, both of which give the patient access to the most advanced forms of treatment that are currently available.

Handbook of Pain Assessment, Third Edition

Dr. Stephen Krau, Consulting Editor of Critical Care Nursing Clinics, is stepping into the Guest Editor role, with colleague Dr. Maria Overstreet, to address the topic of pain management in the critically ill. The review articles in this issue will provide an up-to-date look at the current strategies to improve patient outcomes in pain management for those patients in the ICU. Top authors will be writing on the following topics: Physiology of Pain; Classifications of Pain; Current Trends in Pain Assessment; Spiritual Aspects of Pain; Pharmacologic Interventions for Pain Management; Non-Allopathic Interventions for the Management of Pain; Pain Associated with Chest Tube Removal; Discomfort Associated with Respiratory Issues; Pain Management in Obstetrics; Technological Interventions for Acute Pain Management; Pain Management Services and Policy; and Management of Chronic Cardiac Angina. Readers will come away with the current knowledge in this important field.

Practical Management of Pain

Despite advances in treatment, pain remains a significant problem in healthcare today. Sub-optimal pain management results in poor patient outcomes and patient satisfaction, culminating in decreased quality of life and financial loss for the health care facility. An important component of pain management is transparent and timely health care team/
patient communication. This project aims to improve patient satisfaction in pain management by incorporating pain medication last given and next available times on patient whiteboards. The targeted floor was a busy post-op medical floor in a medium sized community hospital. Staff were educated with short educational sessions, educational pamphlets, an informational posterboard, and demonstration during RN shadowing. Pre-and post-intervention inquiries were conducted with staff and patients regarding whiteboard usage and pain management. Usage and accuracy were audited. Results indicate an improvement in patients' knowledge of their pain management plan, inclusion, and comfort in asking for medication. RN surveys revealed increases in writing, using, and perceptions of intervention utility. A CNL using transformational leadership would be integral to shaping a culture that would embody and sustain patient-centered evidence-based practice.