DESCRIPTION

Children and young people suffering from long-term conditions require continuing support and nursing care throughout their lives. *Nursing Care of Children and Young People with Chronic Illness* explores chronic disease management in the context of recent developments, including the National Service Framework for Children. It addresses the aetiology of chronic illness and the impact on the child’s family. It also explores holistic approaches to caring for their social, physical and psychological needs, and highlights the importance of the nurse’s role in promoting children and their parents as ‘expert patients’.

*Nursing Care of Children and Young People with Chronic Illness* is a comprehensive, up-to-date resource for nursing students and practitioners on the context, theory and practice of assessing health needs, and the delivery of holistic care and services within a variety of care settings, to enable them to meet the changing needs of children and young people with chronic illnesses and diseases, and their families.

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