

**Basic Medical
Techniques and Patient
Care for Radiologic
Technologists, Fourth
Edition.**

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Patient care and general medical techniques geared specifically to nuclear medicine technology students is covered only minimally in nuclear medicine technology textbooks. The fourth edition of this book, directed toward radiologic technologists, may assist in covering this material. The 12 chapters are complete with post-tests and cover professional issues and the radiologic technologist, infection control, basic patient care and safety in diagnostic imaging, vital signs in oxygen administration, med-

ical emergencies in diagnostic imaging, care of patients with special problems, patient care during imaging examinations of the GI system, care of the patient who is intubated or who is in need of suctioning, surgical asepsis, catheterization of the urinary bladder, assisting with drug administration and care of patients during special procedures.

This well-written and well-illustrated text covers the majority of these aspects of patient care with more than adequate detail for radiologic technology training. Most helpful to nuclear medicine technology students are the first six chapters. It should be noted that CPR techniques change periodically and the techniques in this chapter are not completely current. Unfortunately, the care of pediatric patients is handled as

a general topic and it would be more helpful to break down the handling of pediatric patients by age groups, i.e., newborns, infants, toddlers, school age and adolescents who have special needs as patients.

Although the final chapter, *Care of Patients During Special Procedures*, covers MRI, CT, ultrasound, radiation therapy and briefly PET, general nuclear medicine procedures are not introduced in this text.

We recommend this book as an outstanding reference for instructors and students in basic patient care techniques.

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