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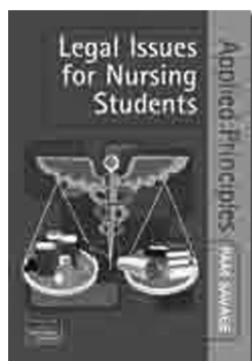
BOTH BOOKS REVIEWED in this issue of *AHR* come from Pearson Education Australia. What can be said for these two texts is that they are easy to read, cover a wide range of issues surrounding each topic and provide excellent resource material for further reading and knowledge development. Navigation around each of the texts is straightforward, and the respective theories are explained in easy to understand terms. One of the other strong positives of both of these texts is that they are written by Australian authors primarily for the domestic market. This allows the texts to be contextualised to local issues and nuances.

Legal issues for nursing students

Savage P

Pearson Education Australia, 2007

ISBN: 0 7339 7990 4. RRP \$54.95. 198 pages



WHILE THERE HAVE BEEN a number of texts that cover issues surrounding health law and law as it applies to health professionals, this book provides subject matter that is not regularly covered in other similar texts. Additional and useful content includes issues

surrounding nursing myths and facts, coronial inquests and employer contracts and obligations. There is a useful chapter on professional governance that covers professional discipline, administrative law, disciplinary processes, natural justice, protecting the public and professional misconduct. Another helpful chapter deals with an overview of some of the more contentious and current

health issues and the law — euthanasia, tissue removal after death, abortion, cloning and reproductive technology, surrogacy, genetics and privacy. The chapter on legal issues for special areas covers current issues such as drug administration, mental health issues, scheduling, guardianship board, limited intervention and force-feeding, and children and the law.

An overview of the Australian legal system features early in the text. This has been done with clarity and simplicity. What is pleasing about this text is that each chapter provides an overview and summary, activities and highlighted sections for application to practice, as well as recommended further readings.

The author should be commended for the seamless integration of theory and practical applications of health law. This book would be ideal for the student nurse or novice RN. This being said, it would be equally applicable to other beginning health practitioners.

Reviewer rating: ★★★★★

Good practice in child protection

Tilbury C, Osmond J, Wilson S, Clark J

Pearson Education Australia, 2007

ISBN 0 7339 7866 5. RRP: \$57.95. vi + 170 pages



LIKE *Legal issues for nursing students*, this text has excellent local content and focus. It is easy to read and has well set-out chapters. The book starts with an overview of child protection in Australia and theories about child abuse

and neglect. The chapter on theories of child abuse and neglect is particularly well constructed and uses a number of figures to explain the

linkages. Similarly, the chapter on assessment, care planning and intervention is particularly informative and well constructed.

Other chapters cover areas such as: child and family outcomes; risk, harm and needs; assessment, care planning and intervention; working with children in out-of-home care; participation and collaboration; and a systematic approach to managing child protection work.

Like the other text reviewed above, this publication provides an excellent array of contemporary readings, tables that condense and simplify concepts, useful websites and practical reflections. It is a good practical text for those beginning in the child protection area or those wanting to learn more about child protection in Australia.

Reviewer rating: ★★★★★

Report watch

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has released a number of pertinent public health reports over the last 3 months.

- Quality of Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander identification in community services data collections: update on eight community services data collections. <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10425>
- Data sources for monitoring arthritis and musculoskeletal conditions. <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10337>
- Report on the evaluation of the National Minimum Data Set for Public Hospital Establishments. <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10414>

- Statistical snapshots of people with asthma in Australia 2001. <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10327>
- Dementia in Australia: national data analysis and development. <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10368>
- Child protection Australia 2005–06. <http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10383>

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