Highly accessible and comprehensive, this text provides a concrete overview of the advanced practice nursing role as it has developed and currently exists in Canada’s health care system. While exploring the origins of advanced practice nursing and the development of the clinical nurse specialist and nurse practitioner roles, contributors draw on multiple case studies to understand the various specialties, operational definitions, and critical issues relevant to this practice.

This collection is rich in pedagogy, featuring chapter summaries, learning objectives, critical thinking questions, and diagrams, and is an indispensable resource for the nursing classroom.

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