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Providing a solid foundation in medical-surgical nursing, Susan deWit's **Medical-Surgical Nursing: Concepts and Practice, 3rd Edition** ensures you have the information you need to pass the NCLEX-PN® Examination and succeed in practice. Part of the popular *LPN/LVN Threads* series, this uniquely understandable, concise text builds on the fundamentals of nursing, covering roles, settings, and health care trends; all body systems and their disorders; emergency and disaster management; and mental health nursing. With updated content, chapter objectives, and review questions, this new edition relates national LPN/LVN standards to practice with its integration of QSEN competencies, hypertension, diabetes, and hypoglycemia.

- **Concept Maps** in the disorders chapters help you visualize difficult material, and illustrate how a disorder's multiple symptoms, treatments, and side effects relate to each other.
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- **Gerontologic nursing** presented throughout in the context of specific disorders with **Elder Care Points boxes** that address the unique medical-surgical care issues that affect older adults.
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