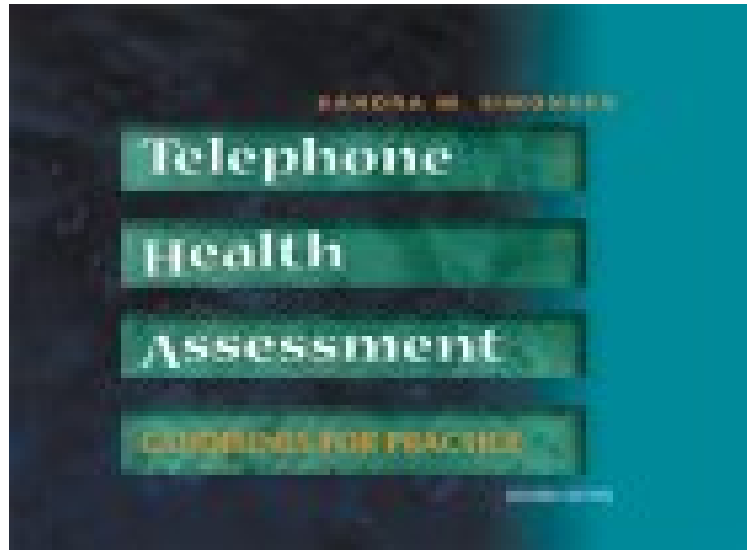


## Telephone Health Assessment: Guidelines for Practice

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Thoroughly revised and updated, this resource helps nurses and other health care providers accurately assess a patient's health problem over the telephone. It provides concise yet comprehensive interview questions as well as triage guidelines for the nurse to follow based on the caller's responses. Each topic is fully covered on a two-page spread with information readily available at a glance. Includes a documentation tablet for adult and pediatric patients. Covers most common areas of concern and conditions organized by body systems. Spiral-bound, practical flip-chart style retained for handheld, readily accessible, pertinent information. Heavy cardstock paper ensures durability even with daily use. Die-cut tabs for each topic and second color provide quick and easy access to all information. Expanded information in all areas. Outline of assessment questions for the caller specific to the topic. Questions to identify caller's main problem or concern. Problem identification with triage guidelines and precautions. List of possible medical conditions and planning considerations. Recommendations and interventions to instruct the caller when to call 911, make a same-day appointment, or call back for an appointment. Home care instructions. NEW FEATURE: Emergency instructions for cardiopulmonary resuscitation, airway obstruction, and emergency childbirth have been added. Cardiac risk assessment profile and classic signs and/or symptoms of cardiac risk. Section on menopause, hormone replacement therapy, and birth control methods and their side effects added to Gynecologic Assessment. Breastfeeding problem solving section added to Obstetrics Assessment. A map of the abdomen describing common complaints and their most

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