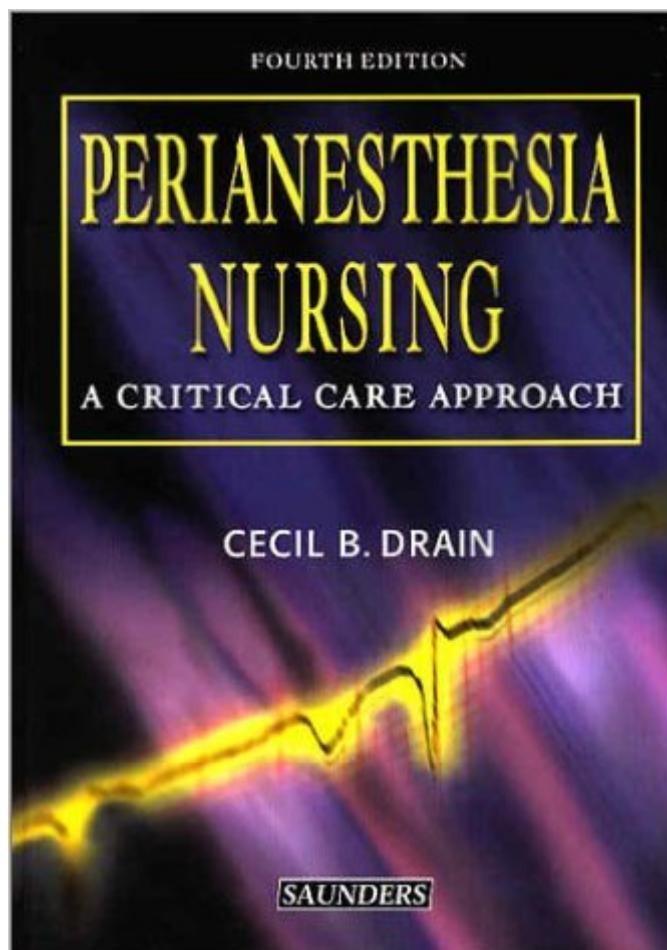


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# Perianesthesia Nursing: A Critical Care Approach



## Synopsis

This highly regarded resource is the only book available to provide comprehensive clinical content tailored specifically to perianesthesia nurses. The new fourth edition of this standard text carefully integrates nursing and pharmacologic interventions with detailed pathophysiology. Focusing on research, documentation, and psychosocial considerations, it provides a complete resource for practice and serves as outstanding preparation for ASPAN certification. Important information is provided on the current policies and issues affecting perianesthesia nursing practice. In-depth coverage of pathophysiology for all body systems is integrated with nursing and pharmacologic interventions. Discussions of the various types of anesthetic agents include the physiology of action and the appropriate nursing interventions to be anticipated in the PACU. Advice on special considerations is included for patients with conditions such as malignant hyperthermia, substance abuse, sickle cell anemia, and cardiac arrest. IV agents and regional anesthesia are comprehensively discussed. Eight new chapters provide updated content on: the use and educational implications of anesthesia simulators (Chapter 4). managed care and its impact on perianesthesia nursing (Chapter 5). legal issues surrounding perianesthesia care (Chapter 6). the most critical ethical considerations of the PACU (Chapter 7). the most important physiologic considerations related to fluid, electrolytes, and acid-base balance (Chapter 12). the details of patient evaluation and preparation from the preoperative perspective (Chapter 24). aspects of perianesthesia care for the laser/laparoscopic surgical patient (Chapter 44). types of bioterrorism and the impact bioterrorism could have on the PACU (Chapter 52).

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I'm very pleased with the content and breadth of information contained in the text. In my job as clinical nurse educator for perianesthesia nurses, I have added chapters to new employee orientation as a requirement to meet clinical competency. The new addition is up-to-date with current practice and, as always, emphasizes the critical care aspects of PACU nursing. Chapters on care of specific surgical procedures is very helpful for new nurses, as well as a great review for seasoned veterans. Anyone who works in perianesthesia, in hospitals or ambulatory surgery centers, would greatly benefit from having a copy of this book and having it as a ready reference. I highly recommend using this book while studying for the CPAN or CAPA certification exam.

Starts with a review of body systems and moves on to the different types of anesthesia and the meds used. As a new PACU nurse, it was just what I needed to get started

This book should be a resource in every PACU across the USA. It is helpful for preparation for the CPAN exam and as a refresher. I would recommend this book.

I bought this to expand my knowledge in perianesthesia care. I have worked in the PACU for about 6 years and was considering getting my ASPAN certification and thought that this would be a good book to help brush up on some topics. It's a huge book and a little dated but the content is still good.

I purchased this to study for the exam and have found it contains very good information. However, I consider this type of book an investment to not only use as a study guide but future reference. It's frustrating to learn it will be outdated 3 months after I bought it. Of course much of the information will be unchanged, it's still very helpful to study, but now it's outdated. I purchased Kindle edition and am enjoying the advantages of this, BUT, info listed in tables or charts are not at all easy to read. They don't line up well, are choppy, and require you to tab up, down and sideways. The column headings do not flow with content below. I've decided to look in other resources for learning table contents for now, but probably will not purchase Kindle editions in future if all are this way. This is the first I've used Kindle to study, in fact I would appreciate feedback regarding this. Despite my two issues with this purchase, the actual content written is easy to read, yet great, useful content.

It is more of a reference book to me. I bought it to study for my CPAN certification. I did not end up using it for that, instead I have it as a reference book. Too much to read when studying for your certification.

I purchased this book for review to take my CAPA exam. I have taken the exam before but let it expire. I have worked PACU before but mostly Preop, Phase 2 now. Honestly, I felt the book was a little over the top. Too detailed about every little system. Like who wants to go over the Krebs cycle again ugh! I had to skim over many parts to try to extract the important stuff. The test is multiple choice and usually asks questions so that you can use your nursing process in regards to pt care. I am not a Critical Care Nurse maybe that's why I found it laborious. However, if I were taking CPAN then maybe it would be more beneficial. I wouldn't recommend this book honestly. I wish someone would just come out with a book that says "CAPA STUDY GUIDE" to take the guess work out.

Thanks.

I work in PACU and this book has been indispensable. The fact that it's an ebook makes it even better because I can search for key words and the relevant material will pop up instead of looking up in the index in a traditional paper book. It covers a little bit of everything including a brief overview of all body systems and then goes into the specifics of anesthesia and recovery.

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