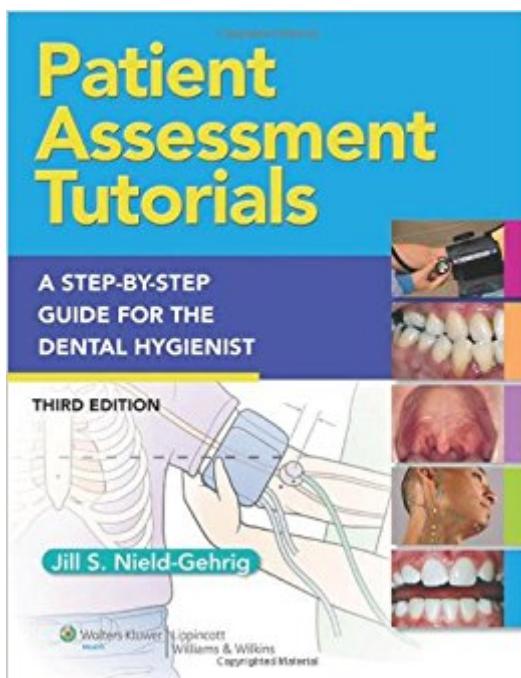


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# Patient Assessment Tutorials: A Step-By-Step Procedures Guide For The Dental Hygienist



## Synopsis

The ability to accurately assess patients is vital to the practice of Dental Hygiene. A complete and accurate assessment is the starting point to providing thorough patient care. Patient Assessment Tutorials takes you through the process of patient assessment, and provides you with information on both the actual physical assessment as well as effective patient communication. The highly visual, step-by-step style teaches you vital assessment processes quickly and thoroughly. Excellent features include detailed, full-color illustrations and photographs to visually guide you through procedures and techniques, case studies and personal accounts that bring the content to life, and more. *Patient Assessment Tutorials: A Step-By-Step Guide for the Dental Hygienist* has many features designed to facilitate learning and teaching.

1. Module Overview and Outline. Each module begins with a concise overview of the module content. The module outline makes it easier to locate material within the module. The outline provides the reader with an organizational framework with which to approach new material. Learning objectives assist students in recognizing and studying important concepts in each chapter.

2. Peak Procedures. Step-by-step instructions are provided for each patient assessment procedure. For students, the Peak Procedures section provides a straightforward, step-by-step guide for practicing and perfecting assessment techniques. The self-instructional format allows the learner to work independently, fostering student autonomy and decision-making skills. For educators, the Peak Procedures section provides a reliable, evidence-based blueprint for the standardization of faculty members in the instruction and evaluation of patient assessment procedures.

3. Ready References. The Ready References provide rapid access to important information on each assessment topic. For example, there is a Ready Reference with the most commonly prescribed medications. The Ready Reference features are designed to be removed from the book, laminated or placed in plastic page protectors, and assembled in a notebook for use in the clinical setting.

4. The Human Element. This module feature focuses on the "people" part of patient assessment. Students, patients, and experienced clinicians were invited to share their experiences in this section of the modules. The features Through the Eyes of a Student, Through the Eyes of a Patient, and Advice from an Experienced Clinician speak to the human element of the assessment process. In these real-life accounts, students share their struggles and triumphs with patient assessment procedures. Patient accounts evoke empathy and pride in the impact of caregiving. In addition, this section provides a means for experienced practicing clinicians to pass on tips on assessment to students who are anxious

toÃ ª perfect these skills.5. Internet Sites for Information Gathering.Ã ª A list of Internet sites inÃ ª each module encourages students to develop skills in onlineÃ ª information gathering. With the rapid explosion of knowledge inÃ ª the dental and medical sciences, a student can no longer expect toÃ ª learn everything that he or she needs to know, now and forever,Ã ª in a few years of professional training. Reference books in printÃ ª cannot be relied upon for the most up-to-date information. Therefore, students must learn how to quickly retrieve accurateÃ ª information from reliable Internet sites, such as MEDLINE.6. English-to-Spanish Phrase Lists. As the Spanish-speakingÃ ª population increases, clinicians encounter growing numbers ofÃ ª Spanish-speaking patients in dental clinics and offices. TeachingÃ ª students to pronounce and speak Spanish is well beyond theÃ ª scope of this book. For those times when a trained translator isÃ ª not available, however, the modules include English-to-SpanishÃ ª phrase lists with phrases pertinent to the assessment process. ToÃ ª use these phrase lists, the student clinician simply points to aÃ ª specific phrase in the list to facilitate communication with aÃ ª Spanish-speaking patient.7. Fictitious Patient Cases AÃ¢ ª œE. Fictitious Patient Cases AÃ¢ ª œEÃ ª promote the studentÃ¢ ª œ„¢s application of chapter information toÃ ª patient care, much in the same way that he or she needs to doÃ ª when caring for a real patient. With each module, moreÃ ª information is revealed about each patientÃ¢ ª œ„¢s assessment findings.Ã ª For example, Module 4 reveals the medical histories of fictitiousÃ ª Patients AÃ¢ ª œE. Module 9 provides the patientsÃ¢ ª œ„¢s blood pressureÃ ª readings. This progressive disclosure of assessment findingsÃ ª parallels the manner in which students collect information on aÃ ª patient in the clinical setting, gleaning new nuggets ofÃ ª information with each assessment procedure performed. In eachÃ ª module, the student is asked to interpret the assessment findingsÃ ª revealed in the module, relate it to information about the patientÃ ª from previous chapters, and make decisions about patient careÃ ª based upon these assessment findings.8. Quick Questions. The Quick Questions feature at the end of eachÃ ª module provides a quick review of chapter content.Ã ª 9. Skill Check. The Module Skill Evaluation procedure checklistsÃ ª allow a student to self-evaluate his or her strengths andÃ ª limitations in performing the assessment procedure and toÃ ª identify additional learning needs. The checklists also provideÃ ª benchmarks for instructor evaluation of student skill proficiency. Suggestions for communication role-plays are provided on theÃ ª Instructor Resource CD for this textbook. CommunicationÃ ª checklists in the modules allow students to practice and self evaluateÃ ª their communication skills and to identify areas forÃ ª improvement. The checklists also provide benchmarks forÃ ª instructor evaluation of student skill proficiency inÃ ª communicating with

patients.10. Terminology and Glossary of Terms. Terminology pertinent to a patient assessment is highlighted in bold type and clearly defined within each module. The Glossary in the back of the book provides quick access to terminology.11. Comprehensive Fictitious Patient Cases Fictitious cases are included in each module. Module 17 of the book is comprised of comprehensive patient cases. This module presents an entirely new comprehensive patient case. All patient assessment data gathered for a patient is presented and the student is challenged to interpret and use the assessment information in care planning for the patient.

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Really helped with patient clinically. Prepared me for patient interactions and made my assessments very efficient

Good step-by-step guide. Easy to read.

as expected

Bought this book brand-new and I would recommend everyone else do so as well! Many times my professor had us doing assignments straight from the book and a lot of the other students bought it used and those papers had been torn out already! Great Book!

Awesome book! This is one of our mandatory books for dental hygiene and I love it!

Not bad, the order for some of the procedures is hard to follow, but I appreciate the author being willing to break things down for both right and left handed hygienists in both this and the Fundamentals of Periodontal Instrumentation and Advanced Root Instrumentation. Also like the Peri Instrumentation book, this has a nice flap to help protect the thin pages from too much abuse in my backpack.

Got this for my introduction to dental hygiene class. Has a lot of good detail especially how to deal with patients.

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