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AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION RELEASES NEWLY REVISED SCOPE AND STANDARDS FOR NURSES IN PSYCHIATRIC-MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICE

SILVER SPRING, MD – *Psychiatric-Mental Health: Scope and Standards of Practice*, the latest addition to ANA’s library of nursing specialty publications, reflects the immense changes in mental health care since the last edition in 2000. Again co-published with the American Psychiatric Nurses Association and the International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses, the book details nursing’s leading edge in a critical healthcare arena.

Psychiatric-mental health nursing is a specialized area of nursing practice committed to promoting mental health through the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of human responses to mental health problems and psychiatric disorders. This core mental health profession employs a purposeful use of self as its art and a wide range of rapidly evolving nursing, psychosocial, and neurobiological theories and research evidence as its science.

A foundational volume, *Psychiatric-Mental Health: Scope and Standards of Practice* articulates the essentials of psychiatric-mental health nursing, its activities and accountabilities—the who, what, when, where, and how of practice—at all practice levels and settings. Delineating a body of knowledge and an advanced set of applied nursing skills, this book reflects the diverse activities in which psychiatric-mental health nurses are engaged and serves them in their clinical practice, education, research, and community service. While the emphasis on advanced practice is new to this edition, the book remains a core resource for all nurses who have chosen to focus their professional life in this area. (It is also a key reference for several certification exams of the American Nurses Credentialing Center.)

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While this book is primarily for practicing nurses, it is also an essential resource for nursing faculty and students, other health care providers, researchers and scholars, and those involved in funding, legal, policy, and regulatory activities.

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