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The main reasons you need to know current nursing process principles are: 1) ANA standards stress that it underpins virtually all care models and serves as a critical thinking tool that promotes a competent nursing care, 2) NCLEX and most other advanced certification tests are based on the nursing process, and 3) As electronic charting and decision support systems that “do a lot of the thinking for you” become the norm, you still need highly developed thinking skills—based on nursing process—to be able to think *with* the computer and make decisions in context of each particular patient situation...

**Correct answers go into a raffle.**

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### WHO SHOULD READ THIS BOOK?

**You should read this book if you:**

- Need an update on how to use the nursing process as a tool for critical thinking, in the context of current ANA Standards.
- Want to work in magnet status hospitals. To receive magnet status—to be recognized by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) as a hospital that attracts and retains quality employees—you must be thoroughly familiar with each phase of the nursing process.<sup>1</sup>
- Are an instructor and want everyone to be “on the same page,” with clarity about the relationship between nursing process and critical thinking.
- Are a student and want to:
  - Be more confident and competent in new clinical situations.
  - Demonstrate critical thinking to your instructor.
  - Know how to think your way through NCLEX.

**“The significant problems we face today can’t be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them.” .... Albert Einstein.**