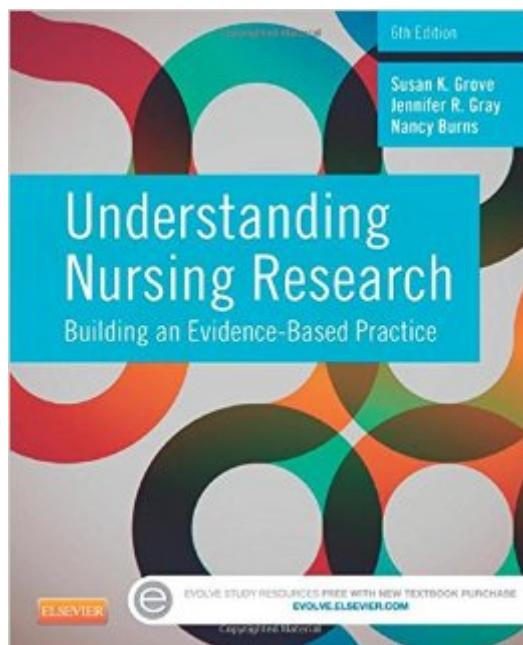


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# Understanding Nursing Research: Building An Evidence-Based Practice, 6e



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As the bestselling nursing research text, Understanding Nursing Research: Building an Evidence-Based Practice, 6th Edition offers unique insights into understanding, appraising, and applying published research to evidence-based practice. It is known for its authoritative content, time-tested systematic approach, and unique research example format; newly redesigned for the sixth edition to better demonstrate how the steps of the research process relate to evidence-based nursing. "This would be excellent for student nurses, nurses new to research or any nurse with an interest in research." Reviewed by: Helen Reeves, St Giles Walsall Hospice on behalf of Nursing Times, December 2015Authoritative content is written by two of the true pioneers in nursing research, who offer unique, first-hand insights into the field. Research examples provide practice in working with published studies, with many of the examples including Critical Appraisal and Implications for Practice sections. Clear, step-by-step organization introduces the research process and demonstrates how this systematic framework relates to evidence-based practice. Strong emphasis on evidence-based practice helps you develop skills in studying and appraising published research, so you are prepared for your role in working with research evidence. Critical Appraisal Guidelines boxes provide step-by-step guidance in appraising published research studies. Emphasis on critical appraisal versus critique reflects contemporary usage in nursing research and evidence-based practice. Balanced coverage of qualitative research prepares you to approach research questions and clinical questions with an unbiased view of the researcher's methodology. Presentation of two different appraisal processes covers both the traditional in-depth critical appraisal process that prepares you for graduate-level work in research, and the concise, practice-focused research appraisal process that equips you for quick and accurate evaluation of the applicability of research findings to clinical practice. NEW! Redesigned research example format includes research examples have been thoroughly redesigned with a clear hierarchy of subcategories. NEW! Improved focus on need-to-know content and greater use of bulleted, creative illustrations, and tables, employs a more consistent, streamlined approach from chapter to chapter. NEW! Updated research examples ensure you are learning through the most clinically relevant topics and studies. NEW! Detailed directions on how to critically appraise research syntheses • such as systematic reviews, meta-analyses, meta-syntheses, and mixed-methods systematic reviews • increase your understanding of the types of research syntheses conducted in nursing and how to determine the quality of these syntheses and the relevance of their findings for practice. NEW! A unique emphasis on QSEN, aided by the input of a QSEN consultant, increases the book's relevance to national curriculum standards and promotes the safe practice of nursing.

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It is a very good book for understanding research. However, if you want to learn how to do your own research (which we had to in our nursing program) where this book is a textbook, I'd urge you to pick up a second book that goes more into running tests, understanding the actual statistical tools, etc. While this book covered that stuff, it was very concise so don't use this book alone to run a nursing research project.

\*UPDATE\* Dropped the score to 1 star after finding several typos in the math on pages 253-254. This book is dull. Additionally the over use of acronyms is annoying. For a book this boring it would be nice if the chit-chat was cut out and only the actual information was left, the book would be about half the size it is if this was done.

I purchased my book used and it was in great condition; the seller sent it just in time for my research class. The textbook itself is mediocre and does not provide enough examples to clearly define the research terminology. I did well in the course not because of this book, but because I have another research based degree. The core concepts can be difficult to understand because the authors do not do a good job of explaining them. I had hoped to keep this book, and use it as a reference, but I have decided to sell it.

Dry. Does not explain principles well. I had to use a lot of other resources to get the information I needed. The assumption of the author seems to be that the student is already familiar with a lot of the material. I was not!

The book is rather dull and the majority of the information specific to nursing research can be obtained from other (free) sources. Nursing research requires independent actions on the part of the learner as is, so buying this book may not be the best option to learn.

The book itself is helpful and covers all the major topics/vocabulary/concepts you need to know. Wording is often cumbersome and obtusely scholastic. As an aside, the physical book pages of the paperback version are so shiny that you have to keep re-angling the book out of the light while you take notes.

The book was required by my BSN program at the university of Texas Arlington. The book is straight forward and gives you all the information needed to pass the class.

Book was difficult to read because the author would go off these tangents. Poorly organized for a research textbook!

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