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**NURSING LANGUAGES UNIFIED IN TIMELY, NEW GUIDE BOOK FROM  
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Nursing languages and terminology are used in planning and documenting patient care and in formally communicating nursing to others. They are thus essential to building robust informational and organizational infrastructures and better articulating nursing's unique contributions to health care. The more systematic and unified they are, the more efficient, effective, and widespread can be their use.

*Unifying Nursing Languages: The Harmonization of NANDA, NIC, and NOC* is a milestone monograph that captures the collaboration in 2001 and 2002 among the leaders in nursing language development. They convened to create a common unifying structure to harmonize the profession's three ANA-approved classification systems: NANDA for nursing diagnoses, NIC for nursing interventions, and NOC for nursing outcomes.\* The result—a new taxonomy of nursing practice, which is being placed in the public domain so that nurses might use it, give feedback, and thus help advance the use and development of nursing language. Because this taxonomy can help organize nursing diagnoses, interventions, and outcomes with greater accuracy, clarity, and consistency, the monograph will interest nurses in administration and leadership, education, clinical practice, health policy, informatics, and research, as well as nursing language specialists.

*Unifying Nursing Languages* also includes a scholarly context for this work: an essay each on its theoretical underpinnings in linguistics, critical thinking, and nursing diagnosis accuracy, and on the central scientific and organizational role of classification in nursing and other professions. Filling out this seminal contribution to nursing science and nursing practice are a timeline of nursing language development within NANDA, NIC, and NOC and a complete list each of the current labels and definitions of these three classification systems.

(\*NANDA is the North American Nursing Diagnosis Association. NIC is Nursing Interventions Classification. NOC is Nursing Outcomes Classification. NIC and NOC systems are administered by the Center for Nursing Classification and Clinical Effectiveness of the School of Nursing of the University of Iowa. The Center can be contacted at <http://www.nursing.uiowa.edu/cnc> or 319/335-7051. NANDA International in Philadelphia can be contacted at <http://www.nanda.org/index.html>, [info@nanda.org](mailto:info@nanda.org), or 215-545-8105.)

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