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This updated 4th Edition of Jill Gehrig's highly visual, step-by-step guide takes dental hygienists-in-training through the process of patient assessment, emphasizing both the actual physical assessment and the human interaction involved.

The 4th Edition includes four chapters on communication (including an all-new motivational interviewing chapter), as well as unique *Human Element* sections that include real-life experiences shared by patients, students, and clinicians.

Enhanced by case studies, student learning aids, videos, and a new audio glossary, **Patient Assessment Tutorials** provides students with everything they need to succeed in the course and their future careers as dental hygienists.

### Key Features:

- **An all-new motivational interviewing chapter** in Part 1 helps students build skills in a collaborative form of communication designed to elicit and strengthen motivation for behavioral change.
- **New coverage on communicating with patients with special needs**, such as autism, Asperger's, and Down Syndrome, enhances student skills.
- **Online student resources**, including video clips, a new audio glossary, and suggested Internet sites, bring concepts and techniques to life.
- **A new Audio Glossary** is ideal for mastering the vocabulary of dental hygiene on the go, and especially helpful when English is a second language.
- **Module Overviews and Outlines with Learning Objectives** make information easier to locate, provide an organizational framework, and assist students in recognizing and studying important concepts.
- **Peak Procedures** sections provide a straightforward, step-by-step guide for practicing and perfecting assessment techniques in a self-instructional format that fosters autonomy and decision-making skills.
- **Ready References** provide quick access to important information and can be removed from the book, laminated or placed in plastic page protectors, and assembled in a notebook for use in clinical settings.
- **The Human Element** sections include real-life experiences shared by students, patients, and experienced clinicians to help students understand the clinical relevance of chapter topics.
- **Progressive Case Studies** that reveal assessment information as students move through the book encourage students to interpret the findings, relate them to previous information, and make decisions about patient care.
- **Skill Checks** allow students to evaluate their strengths and limitations in performing assessment procedures.
- **Key Terminology** is highlighted in bold type, clearly defined, and then gathered together into a comprehensive Glossary at the back of the book.
- **Comprehensive Patient Case Studies** in the final module present patient assessment data and challenge students to interpret and use the assessment information in patient care planning.
- **Detailed, full-color illustrations and photographs** visually guide students through procedures and techniques.

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