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SKILLS UPDATE

BOOK 4

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FOREWORD

As increasing numbers of professional and informal carers are involved in giving more care to people in the community, there is a growing need for an understanding of both simple and complex procedures affecting patients and clients.

Skills Update 4, the final collection of articles which first appeared in *Community Outlook*, aims to update nurses on familiar skills and give background information on new procedures affecting their clients.

It is not intended to be a first-line teaching series for acquiring new skills but, rather, to be used as an update to encourage practitioners to reflect on skills they may have learned some time ago or to provide an overview of technical procedures experienced by patients so that the best holistic care can be given, whatever the environment.

The Skills Update books may prove useful as aids to those who are teaching students and non-nurse carers about treatments their clients or relatives are receiving.

Sue Smith
Professional Studies Editor, *Nursing Times*

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