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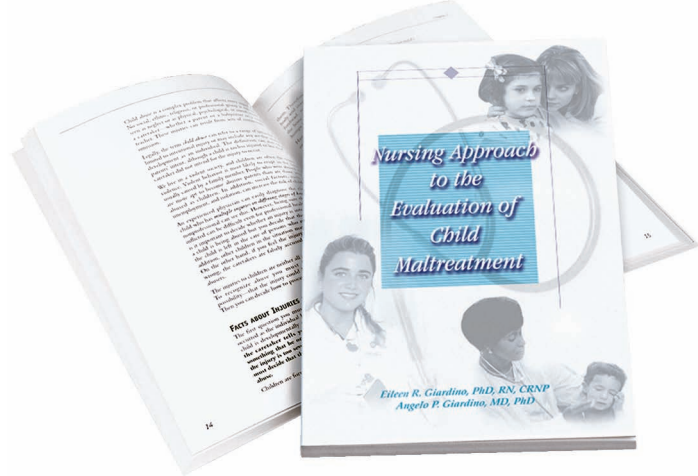
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Nurses and nurse practitioners are critical members of child abuse treatment teams. *Nursing Approach to the Evaluation of Child Maltreatment* provides the information nurses need to identify and accurately interpret the signs of maltreatment and then report it correctly. Focusing on the intersection of nursing and child maltreatment, this product provides focus and procedural guidelines for the first medical contact many victims will have.

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