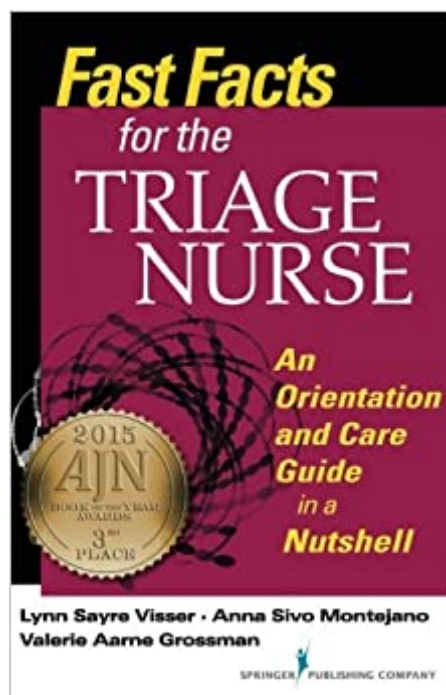




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# Fast Facts For The Triage Nurse: An Orientation And Care Guide In A Nutshell (Fast Facts For Your Nursing Career)



## Synopsis

This is a concise, user-friendly orientation guide and reference for new and seasoned nurses, paramedics, preceptors, educators, management teams, and anyone else working in the triage environment. It offers guidelines covering key processes and practices triage nurses use daily. Chapters address core elements of triage such as patient point of entry, acuity scales, and "red-flag" patient presentations and how to handle them; coordination and communication with other health care team members; and documentation. The book offers practical information on triage for emergency department and urgent care settings, with useful tips for both triage orientees and preceptors. It addresses care considerations for specialized populations including geriatric and pediatric patients. The text supplies essential information on teaching and learning principles and the fostering of critical thinking skills, and covers such topics as compassion fatigue, customer service, legal concerns, core measures, and patient and staff safety. Trends in triage nursing such as electronic medical record considerations, provider in triage, and advanced triage protocols are included. Information is organized in brief, bulleted "bites" for knowledge at a glance, and Fast Facts in a Nutshell boxes reinforce key concepts.

**Key Features**

- Provides essential guidance for key procedures and protocols in an easy-to-read, easy-to-access format
- Offers practical triage information with a focus on emergency department and urgent care settings
- Focuses on processes, critical thinking, and the legal aspects of triage
- Includes care considerations for specific patient populations
- Incorporates advice from seasoned emergency department nurses and triage educators

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## Customer Reviews

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This book is a MUST for any nurse working in triage. I've been an ER nurse for 12 years and I found this book to be comprehensive in the topics it covers, but to the point and easy to use as a reference (each chapter has highlighted sections titled "fast facts in a nutshell", making it easy to find the clinical pearls quickly). Doesn't matter how long you've been a nurse, you will learn something from this book. It covers the critical thinking and clinical part of triage, but also touches on the real-life issues that can affect us as nurses in our work (for example the problem of empathy burnout as a cause of mistriage). It also hits the most current issues in today's triage such as core measures and electronic medical records. Will be getting this book for all of the new hires I precept!

I like this book because it's small enough to bring to work. I rarely have down time, but when I do, I read this book to keep things fresh in my mind. Well written and easy to find what I'm looking for.

I wish I would have had this book when I oriented to triage 20 years ago! It is easy to navigate through and covers all of the elements of being a great triage nurse. I especially liked the "fast facts" I felt like they were little pearls of wisdom that could enhance any nurse's triage practice.

This is a great reference book for the new triage nurse. I learned a lot and I've been a nurse for 15 years.

Well written. Very helpful

I really liked this book -- Learned a lot from it...It is practical and useful -- Based on the extensive 'Hands-On' experience of the Authors.(Btw, managing the usual 'Chaos' in the ED - by the Triage Nurse - in Not for the 'faint-hearted'!)Interesting helpful book, highly recommended!

Don't be fooled and think this book is just for nurses. I am a 20+ year paramedic and EMS educator, and I found many of the principles of this book to be very relevant to EMS. If you think about it, EMS

is the real initial triage, and this book gives tips for EMS and nurses alike. In addition, it allows the EMS provider to see the healthcare system from another perspective and anticipate the questions of the nursing team, and in turn improving the patient experience by reducing delays in decision making. The "Red Flag" section of the book is so good for both new and experienced EMT's and Paramedics, and then it's followed by easy-to-read chapters on various body systems. By far my favorite is the "Worst Case Scenarios" and "Red Flag Findings" found in each body systems chapter, as both are valuable and relevant for EMS. With the state of healthcare, it's increasingly obvious that we need to integrate together as a team, both for the patient and ourselves. I'm glad Visser, Montejano and Grossman have made a book that works for both hospital and pre-hospital education.

Having spent many years as a staff nurse and as a nursing director in very busy emergency departments, both community based and a level I academic trauma center, I know the value and importance of the triage process. It can literally be the difference between life and death. Triage excellence is based on both experience and instinct often requiring many years of time in the triage role. This book is a true gem and takes much of the guesswork out of the RNs triage process. There is great value in the learnings found in this book and I highly recommend this to both the novice and expert emergency RN. A must read for all RNs working in the often overwhelming and chaotic world of emergency nursing! I applaud the authors in developing such a helpful "manual" and they all obviously have superb practical experience which translates into an easy read. 5 STARS! Thomas Rhodes, RN, BSN, MPA-HSM

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