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Improving Health through Nursing Research is a practical guide to research and research utilisation in nursing. The book draws upon international expertise in nursing research, reflecting the worldwide demand for evidence-based practice. Part one offers a global perspective on health and nursing and addresses the development of nursing knowledge and nursing theory. Part two investigates the underlying need for nursing research, focusing on improving patient care, enhancing care delivery and developing the profession of nursing. Parts three and four provide an overview of quantitat

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