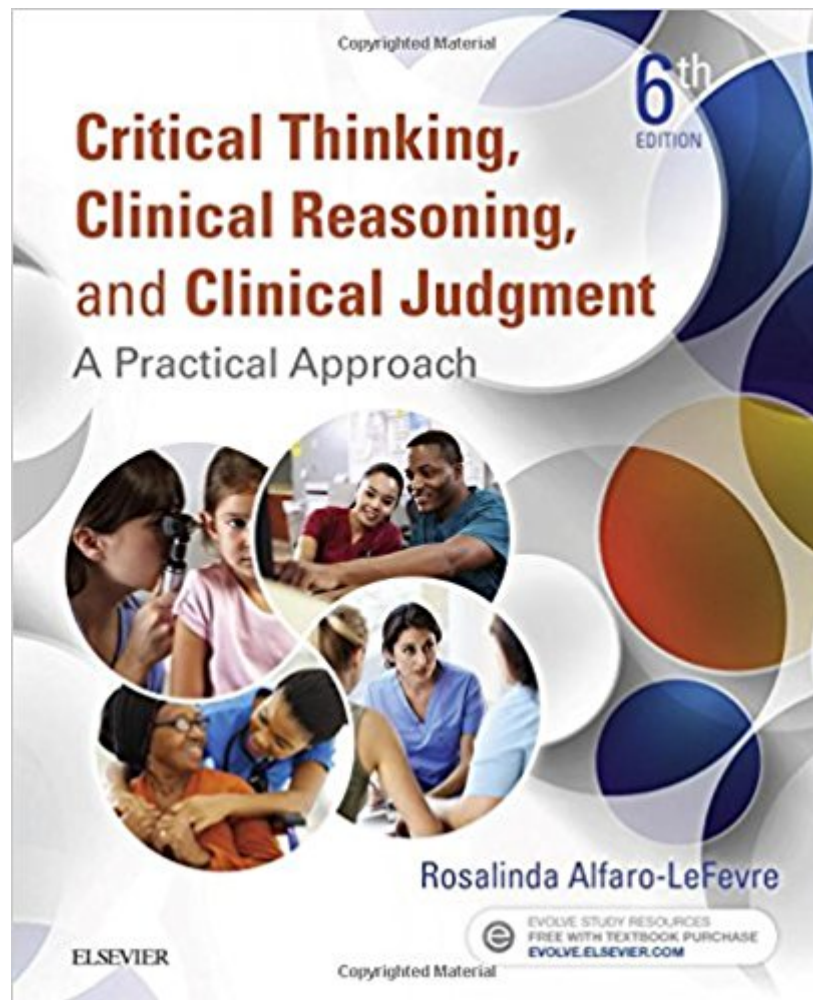




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# Critical Thinking, Clinical Reasoning, And Clinical Judgment: A Practical Approach, 6e



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Yes

Good reference

This book was wonderful to rent for my critical thinking class. I personally found most of the information to be repetitive from chapter to chapter throughout the book and another annoying thing is that there are a gazillion acronyms in this book. Many of them seem to be made up by the author and don't even apply in the real world. I have googled many of them and nothing would come up, but whatever. I passed my class.

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