

Edge Runners



The Giger & Davidhizar Transcultural Assessment Model: A Roadmap for Addressing Cultural Factors in Health Care

The Challenge:

All patients suffering from the same affliction cannot be treated in the same way. In many cases, there are racial, ethnic and other cultural factors that must be considered and addressed in prescribing and providing treatment.

The Goal:

Provide a system for defining the phenomena that affect health care and for exploring an individual patient's cultural context.

An Innovative Solution:

The Giger & Davidhizar Transcultural Assessment Model

What It Is

- A model for transcultural health care that provides a framework focused on six key cultural phenomena.
- The six major phenomena are communication, space, social organization, time, environmental control, and biological variations.

What It Does

- Allows nurses to focus on the six areas of cultural phenomena that will help them gain an understanding of the patient's cultural perspective and the impact it has on health.

How It Stands Out

- The model – developed in 1991 by Joyce Newman Giger, EdD, APRN, BC, FAAN and Ruth Davidhizar, DNS, RN, ARNP, BC, FAAN – was cited, excerpted, modified, and utilized in approximately 357 nursing textbooks, medical texts, and other allied health-related areas in a single year. It has been used as overarching framework in a variety of research studies published in a wide array of professional journals throughout the world.
- The model has been applied to the care of clients in a variety of clinical specialties, including maternity client, the operating room client and the psychiatric client.
- The model is broad enough in scope to be recognized for applicability by many other health care professions – including medical imaging, dentistry, education and training departments, and hospital administration.

Where To Learn More

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