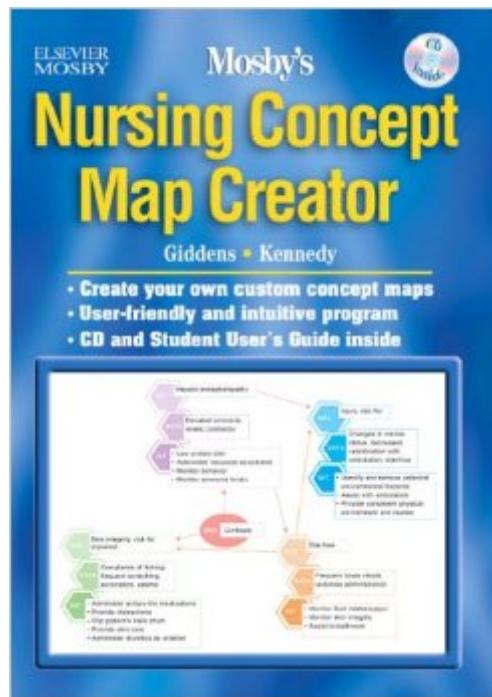


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# Mosby's Nursing Concept Map Creator



## **Synopsis**

This unique, easy-to-use program walks you through each step involved in gathering, organizing, and entering patient data into a plan of care. Its flexible design and interactive approach make it a fun and effective way to learn concept mapping techniques while you build "real-life" skills for collecting and evaluating data for patient care! Applicable to all clinical practice areas, including med-surg, pediatrics, critical care, maternity, and psychiatric nursing. Easy-to-use program walks users through the steps of constructing a concept map, including:

- Creating a data sheet with assessment/physical examination findings, treatments, pathophysiology, medications, and more
- Entering medical diagnoses
- Identifying appropriate nursing diagnoses and collaborative problems
- Providing supporting data for each patient problem
- Prioritizing key nursing diagnoses and collaborative problems
- Determining nursing interventions
- Building the concept map and adding arrows to show relationships
- Creating an evaluation summary

Flexible programming allows users to customize their concept maps by moving boxes and adding multidirectional arrows that can point to more than one box to indicate relationships. Data sheet feature allows users to record key preliminary information such as assessment/physical examination data, pathophysiology, treatments, diagnostic tests/results, and much more. Interview data can be entered using a functional health patterns or review of systems approach. Data is color-coded by type (assessment, nursing diagnosis, intervention, etc.) throughout the program and in the finished concept map and to help users visually differentiate content and more clearly understand the complexities of patient care. The save and modify function allows users to return at a later date to make modifications to data and/or the concept map. Evaluation summary step allows users to enter evaluation data after seeing the patient in clinicals.

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Although the thought that went into creating this item was useful, the item itself is not. The headings for content areas are there, but the learning curve is steep- it was for me, and for my nursing students. There is not adequate space to allow for text entry, and it basically makes your paper pretty by adding colors. It took my students longer to figure out how to use the program than it did for them to create their own concept maps using a standard word processing program.

I was very excited when I first found this product because I thought it would really help me with my nursing concept maps but in the end I was very disappointed. The software is very user friendly when it comes to collecting the data, but the actual concept map was a nightmare. Customizing it was a joke. As a student we're required to enter scientific rationale for each intervention which is a lot of typing. This software does not let you resize your text boxes in no way. Therefore, all of my text would end up off the page. It was a mess. I ended up having to take a screenshot, pasting the picture in paint program and then cutting and pasting the text I needed to move. I then pasted that in word and printed my concept map. I've used other Mosby products and know that they could have done better. I think they were just making this product to be able to say that they had it and to make a little money. Don't waste your money.

I purchased this to help with a class project. However I found that it did not meet my class specification, because they can vary by each instructors likes, more than care plans. So it did not help me at all. Also I found that my school text book had the exact program available for free on the internet with the web based study guide. so for me it was a redundant product. So to summerize, it was exactly what they claim, it works well, just not what I had hoped for. I have the care plan constructor from the same publisher and it was the best resorce I ever purchased for my nursing education.

This product would have been better if they would have created their templates built over existing MS Office programs, so that the functionalities inherent to Word/Powerpoint/Excel could be taken advantage of, and so that you could, for example, paste in your concept map as a powerpoint slide,

etc. Instead, they created their own little proprietary software which is so limited that it makes it inflexible. In the future, they should just build it over MS office- everyone with a PC or a Mac can use Office. Then Mosby could even sell more copies every time Microsoft came up with a new version of office. I don't see why they are trying to re-invent the wheel. Mosby comes into Nursing classes with their sales force in the beginning and tries to sell us on the idea of their whole Evolve System & resources, some components of the system fall short and don't work together. This is one of those. I don't recommend it.

We really like this creator for Nursing but the problem, big problem ..... is that the software program was designed in 2005 and there have never been any updates & they do not intend to do any. We have the most recent JAVA, browsers and OS and this program is not compatible. Now my boss has purchased a MACbook Pro with Snow Leopard and she can NOT upload this program onto the laptop!! I have searched & searched but can not find any software programs that are the least like this. I have spoken to the reps from the company & they do not intend on updating it. So it fails when used. Problems like not able to print, etc. and now this, not able to put on the new MAC laptop, can't even install it. This is our only complaint. The program itself works great for nursing. Any suggestions? Thank you. B

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