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Combining the best elements of Dr. Turnock's two previous books, Essentials of Public Health offers the most up-to-date information on the field of public health. The first set of chapters introduce readers to the field of public health and how it works. It defines and describes the public health system, provides concepts and tools for measuring health in populations, characterizes the relationship of the public health system with medical care and other elements of the overall health system, and identifies government's unique contributions through federal, state, and local public health agencies. The second set of chapters focuses on public health careers within the context of the overall public health workforce. Basic information on the size and composition of the public health workforce is followed by chapters that address careers and jobs in public health administration, epidemiology, public health nursing, health education, and other professional and program titles and positions.