

UPDATED 2008

Handbook of Emergency Cardiovascular Care



A quick reference tool for treating
patients during emergencies

FEATURES

The updated Handbook of Emergency Cardiovascular Care for Healthcare Providers includes important new information and recommendations, remaining consistent with the 2005 American Heart Association Guidelines for CardioPulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care.

This handbook is designed to capture the most critical and relevant information for healthcare professionals treating patients in the field. All aspects and types of treatment required for CPR and cardiovascular care are included, making it the a vital resource for healthcare professionals to access while they are providing patient care.

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- Quick reference format
- Convenient spiral spine lets book lay flat for easy reading while administering ECC or CPR
- Includes all areas of cardiovascular care and life support — ACLS, ACLS-EP, BLS, PALS and Newborn
- Simple, easy-to-use algorithms and drug treatments
- Step-by-step guides and checklists assist in performing the right and accurate steps for care



Help us save more lives. Order your copy of the Handbook of Emergency Cardiovascular Care today!

Call 877-AHA-4CPR or visit americanheart.org/cpr.

The Handbook of Emergency Cardiovascular Care is your quick reference tool and comprehensive guide for treating patients who need CPR or emergency cardiovascular care. >>>

WHAT'S NEW

2008 HANDBOOK UPDATE

ACLS

NEW INFORMATION

- Risk assessment
- Cardiac biomarkers
- Triage and reperfusion strategies for patients with acute coronary syndromes

UPDATES

- Treatment recommendations for hypertension during stroke
- Recommendations for use of nitroglycerin, morphine, clopidogrel and heparin

PALS

NEW INFORMATION

- Charts for the new PALS and Pediatric Emergency Assessment, Recognition, and Stabilization (PEARS) Course
- PEARS focuses on the early recognition, evaluation and treatment of pediatric respiratory and cardiovascular emergencies
- Administration of corticosteroids for pediatric patients in PALS drug

UPDATES

- Updated algorithm for the treatment of pediatric tachycardia with pulses
- Table illustrating the revised 2007 Broselow Pediatric Resuscitation Tape

Newborn Section

- Updates consistent with the American Academy of Pediatrics 2006 Neonatal Resuscitation Program

'Bow Tie' of Resuscitation

The American Heart Association views resuscitation as including not just the acute event, but also the pre-arrest and post-event resuscitation. This creates a "bow tie" of resuscitation important to saving more lives. Through the science and training available today, the American Heart Association

provides a range of courses and outcomes information to better prepare healthcare providers to address the full bow tie of resuscitation and events.



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