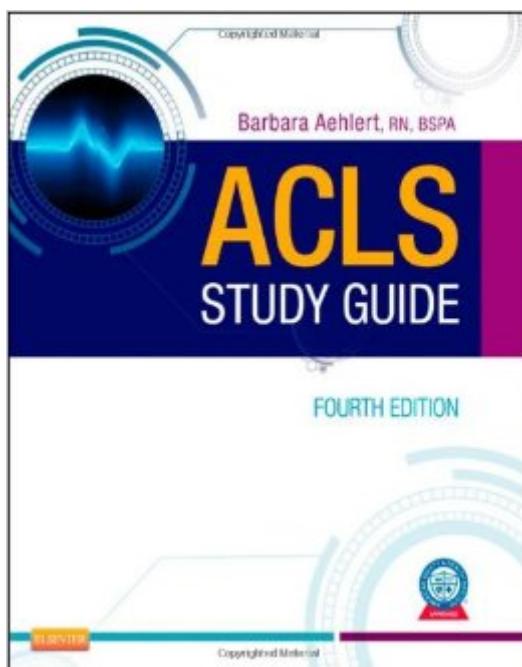


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Reflecting the 2010 Emergency Cardiovascular Care guidelines, ACLS Study Guide, 4th Edition offers a complete, full-color overview of advanced cardiovascular life support. An easy-to-read approach covers everything from airway management and rhythms and their management to electrical therapy, acute coronary syndromes, and acute stroke. In addition to the latest ACLS treatment algorithms, this edition includes new case studies, new photos and illustrations, a heart rate ruler, and a handy ACLS quick-reference card for use in the field. Written by Barbara Aehlert, ACLS Study Guide is the official textbook for the American Safety & Health Institute ACLS certification course. A pretest and posttest -- each containing 50 questions with answers and rationales -- allow you to check your knowledge prior to and after your study. Chapter objectives preview the main points in each chapter. Stop and Review sections at the end of the chapters help you remember the most important information. ACLS Pearls boxes offer key points and useful tips for clinical practice. Keeping it Simple boxes provide essential information in a clear and concise manner. Ten case studies present real-life clinical situations, allowing you to make decisions based on information in the Preparatory section. Consistent format of case studies includes Objective, Skills to Master, Rhythms to Master, Medications to Master, Related Text Chapters, Essential Actions, and Unacceptable Actions. A heart rate ruler is included to help you interpret ECGs. A 4 x 6 pocket-size quick-reference card contains key ACLS algorithms for field use. 100 new and updated photos and illustrations show key ACLS procedures and equipment. Pharmacological interventions are integrated into the chapters for a more cohesive learning experience. New streamlined approach reduces the number of pages and simplifies the information you need to know.

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This is a very useful, easy reading and understanding book, indeed! However, pay attention to this: 1- On page 309 (Case Studies, Case 3: Pulseless VT/FV): "Coach: The shock has been delivered. A team member calls your attention to a rhythm change on the cardiac monitor. What is the rhythm on the monitor (Figure 7-4)? The monitor (Figure 7.4) shows a sinus rhythm with uniform premature ventricular complexes." Coach: What would you like to do next? Because there is an organized rhythm on the monitor, I will ask the CPR team member to stop CPR and check for a pulse." The sequence above is not the one recommended. According to the current (2010) AHA Guidelines, immediately after the shock you should NOT check rhythm or pulse, i.e., CPR should be resumed immediately after the shock, starting with chest compressions. Checking the rhythm and pulse (if an organized rhythm is noted on the monitor) should be done only after 5 cycles of 30:2 (or after about 2 minutes, if any advanced airway is in place). After the shock, one should not delay or stop CPR to check for a rhythm or pulse, even if the rhythm on the monitor is or seems to be an organized one (sinus or whatever). AHA emphasizes: do not check rhythm or pulse just after shocking. Restart CPR immediately instead. The text should be like this: "Coach: The shock has been delivered. After 5 cycles of CPR (about two minutes), a team member calls your attention to a rhythm change on the cardiac monitor. What is the rhythm on the monitor (Figure 7-4)? The monitor (Figure 7.4) shows a sinus rhythm with uniform premature ventricular complexes." Coach: What would you like to do next?

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