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Brady-Advanced Cardiac Life Support. J. Mistivich, R. Benner, G. Margolis, and H. Werman

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The new Brady-Advanced Cardiac Life Support provides the knowledge base and procedural instruction for one to participate in advanced cardiac life support. A prerequisite foundation of Basic Life support may aid in the understanding and use of the “advanced” level of information within this text. This book could serve as a source of instruction for physicians, medical students, nursing and other health care providers.

In thirteen chapters this book spans from *key concepts* of Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) to *special considerations in ACLS*. Subjects covered in this text include: Key Concepts of ACLS, Systematic Approach to Emergency Cardiac Care: The Primary and Secondary Surveys, Airway Management-Ventilation-and Oxygen Therapy, Gaining Intravenous Access, **Dysrhythmia** Recognition, Electrical Therapy, Pharmacological Therapy, Acute **Coronary** Syndromes, Acute Stroke, Putting it All Together, Case Studies: Application Exercises, Special Resuscitation Situations, Special Treatment Considerations. The outline of the book is not only user friendly, but also provides relevant progression of topics.

Overall the nature in which the content is presented makes this book excellent for the experienced clinician and novice alike. This easy *read* book presents topics in a manner to sustain the readers’ attention, not to overwhelm them. As each chapter opens, topics to be covered are bullet-pointed, versus outlining objectives. The case studies included in each chapter