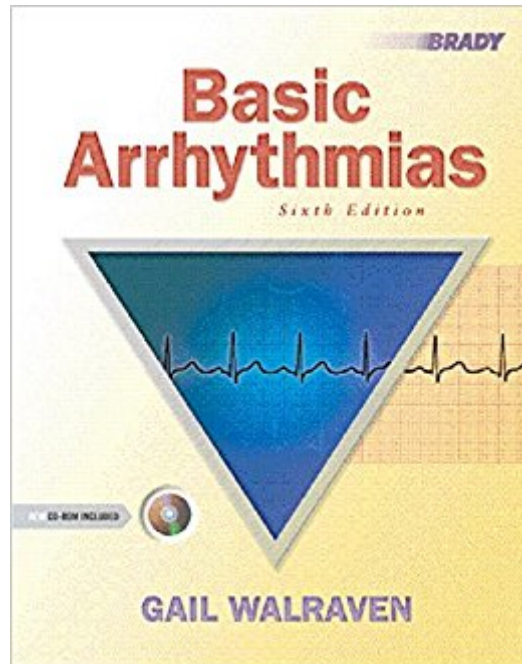


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Basic Arrhythmias (6th Edition)



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Customer Reviews

When I first opened this book I hated it. It's written in what I'll call a "workbook" style format from the very beginning where every few sentences there are some blanks you have to mentally fill in and the answers are in the margin. While most of them are super simple it does force you to actually pay attention to what you're reading to. I had a very basic understanding of rhythms entering into it, and upon completion of this book I am confident in my abilities to recognize and identify the basic problems I'll encounter as a paramedic.

This is a great book that focuses on II lead EKG arrhythmias with some added information about 12 Lead and heart anatomy. The way it's set up is that it introduces a concept and then repeats it a few different ways to make sure that you understand it. It has fill in the blanks so that it is interactive and keeps you engaged when you're reading. It splits the arrhythmias up based on where they originate in the heart and goes from least complex to most complex. There is also a helpful online component and VERY helpful rip out flash cards that summarize the rules. A few complaints: It does not cover

combination arrhythmias, which is much more useful when using these skills in real life. For example, patients will likely have an underlying arrhythmia complicated by occasional PVCs. It does not cover anything about pacemakers and paced rhythms. Finally, it is really expensive for a fairly thin workbook that's bulk is practice strips. I have been told that the earlier editions provide exactly the same content, so I would recommend getting that instead. Make sure not to buy used, though because it will be written in, likely have missing flashcards, and you won't have the online access code. Happy arrhythmia learning!

I believe it's technically called the Socratic method, but I call it the "guess what I'm thinking method" of teaching. Regardless of the content, this text is written in numbered paragraphs with random words missing within. The missing words are in a column to the right of the text, like it's a quiz. I find this distracting and unhelpful. There are parts of the book that actually are quizzes, which is fine, but leaving out every instance of the word "electrical" on a page and putting a blank line in its place is just teaching me to work through frustration. Maybe that's the point, but I doubt it.

Currently using this as an introduction to the topic in a Paramedic course. The design and style of the book are extremely helpful to me personally. Each paragraph is numbered with "fill-in-the-blank" style writing which may sound a bit odd in an adult textbook but I find it works really well and is like a built-in review as you read the material. I have never seen a text written in this format and thought it odd initially but I quickly began to appreciate the style. The explanations are very good and easy to understand for new cardiac students and there are many many many practice strips to analyze which is another great feature. Be advised that this book is not a treatment manual if that is what you are looking for in a text, but I would say it is an extremely helpful text for understanding arrhythmias and learning to read the EKG strips that many healthcare professionals see everyday.

Great book for any nursing student. Comes with flashcards to help remember the rhythms.

Had to buy this for nursing school. Glad I did. It was really helpful and it broke down the different rhythms nicely. It also uses real strips, which helps. Rather than working off of computer generated "perfect" strips, it's nice to work with real-life strips. If it's not a requirement for school, but you need to learn rhythms, I'd recommend it. Of course, like any other book, it's only as good as how much time you put into it.

This was the book my paramedic program required and the one area I was a little scared of at first until I read the book. I found it easy to follow and it explained things thoroughly so I was not as intimidated by learning what all those "squiggly" lines meant. It came with flash cards and a I liked the practice pages/self tests. The colored pages and pictures make it easy to see the lines.

This book is pretty good, especially if you bother to read the first couple of chapters, which explains everything you need to know about reading EKG strips. There are also literally hundreds of practice strips throughout the book, which is nice if you're a beginner and need a lot of practice. It works good as a supplement. I wouldn't use this book alone for EKG reading, though - pair it up with your textbook or an ACLS book so you'll have a better understanding of what is really going on.

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