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- A logical sequence of content with simple medical terms follows the normal conduction pathways of the heart from the atria to the ventricles.
- Coverage of basic anatomy, as well as components of monitoring and interpretation of rhythm strips, helps you better understand how the heart functions and how to interpret ECGs.
- Clear explanations of basic cardiac dysrhythmias provide an overview of what is happening in the heart's electrical conduction system to cause the appearance of a dysrhythmia.
- Review questions and rhythm strips at the end of Chapters 1-7 allow you to assess your understanding before moving on to more complex information.
- Each chapter offers fun and engaging crossword and word-find puzzles to help you easily learn and remember new information.
- Chapter 8 provides a comprehensive review of 40 dysrhythmias with sample strips and criteria for identification.
- 200 practice rhythm strips in Chapter 10 offer additional opportunities to sharpen your interpretation skills.
- 22 detailed case studies allow you to apply your knowledge of dysrhythmias, rhythm interpretation, symptoms, and treatment to realistic clinical situations.
- Information on current cardiac adjunct therapies familiarizes you with pacemakers, automatic implantable cardioverter defibrillators (AICD), and automated external defibrillators (AED).

- 34 medication flashcards and 32 rhythm strip flashcards provide a fun and convenient way to study.
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- New full-color format makes it easier to locate key information. ECGs now in full color, too!
- A new companion CD contains 180 rhythm strips for additional practice and cardiac animations to bring anatomic and physiologic concepts to life.
- New heart rate ruler is a handy tool to help you determine heart rate while learning ECG recognition.
- Coverage of all topics reflects the 2005 emergency cardiovascular care guidelines to ensure the most accurate, relevant information.
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