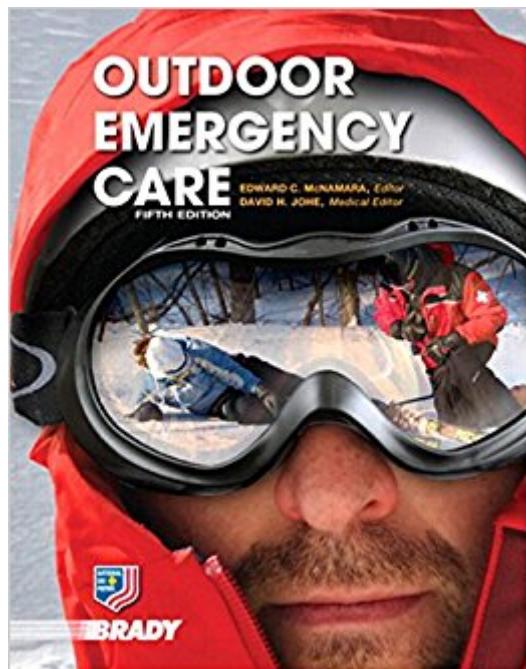


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# Outdoor Emergency Care (EMR)



## **Synopsis**

Developed in partnership with the National Ski Patrol, *Outdoor Emergency Care*, Fifth Edition, offers relevant, invaluable content for all emergency first responders working in an outdoor environment. The contributing authors and reviewers are highly respected experts in education in the outdoor emergency care community. The vast experience of these individuals, combined with over 90 years of EMS work and ski patrolling from the editors alone, has been incorporated into every chapter of this text, providing you with a learning resource that is rich in practical knowledge. This book should be used not only as an initial text but maintained on your bookshelf as a valuable reference manual.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This is an extraordinarily clearly written, effectively illustrated, durably bound and well-organized book. It is also required reading in most ski patrol programs, so our collective opinions are probably most useful for posterity or to help encourage the team on Version 6.0. Hiring a new editor would definitely go a long way, as the book is shot-through with typos. This can read as a little jarring in a

what is essentially a medical handbook where word choice matters. Nevertheless, it's a fine book and you have to buy it anyway. With luck, none of those typos will be life-threatening. The licensing issue for the online coursework is a total joke, however. As near as I can tell Pearson, the provider of the online course, has an agreement with UK but not US. I came to this conclusion after spending an hour on the phone on a conference call with Brady (an imprint of Pearson) and the always-helpful-but-not-this-time customer support. Pearson support person was very conciliatory, but ultimately not useful, and pushed the responsibility on .'s rep seemed to understand the issue but had to follow-up with a specialist. The specialist via email essentially said that I hadn't paid for what I thought I paid for, despite the promise being clearly described on the inside COVER OF THE BOOK (see photo): "Use the registration code below to gain access to this online study companion." When one does this, you are entering a labyrinth of byzantine technology, surrounded by a maze of bureaucratic nonsense, and communicated through a filter of help-o-pablum which will leave you wishing you'd just read this review, paid the \$22 for the course, and gotten on with your life. There is no gold at the end of that rainbow., please pull the Andon cord on this embarrassing nonsense.

Outdoor Emergency Care is not a quick read. It contains a lot of essential information that is presented in a way that facilitates learning. It has many quizzes interspersed in the information that help the student check if he/she is understanding the material, or has retained skills learned earlier. When mastered, the information and skills learned from studying the book make you better prepared to assess a patient's condition, to give appropriate first aid, and to communicate with other with other people in the health care area. One irritating aspect of the book, though is that it contains are many little errors and inconsistencies not only in the tex and illustrations but also in the answers given for the interspersed quizzes. These errors should have been caught before the book was released or they should have been corrected in a second printing. It seems to me that the electronic version of the book, in particular, could have been corrected. Once the information presented in the book is mastered, the errors and inconsistencies do not present a permanent problem for the student, but they can confuse students who are starting to learnt the material.

Great price and I tend to really love the kindle versions. Unfortunately you do NOT get the Pearson class code with this book so you may need to purchase that separately during your OEC Course. Most folks paid less than \$8 for the access. Also, there are a lot of skill guides and checklists in this book. At first I was worried that I wouldn't have access to them but your instructors have copies available to share.

Very thick, study book filled with great info. Returned because I dropped out of ski patrol.

For a text intended for something considered to be less than EMT, all I can say is it went in to more depth and detail than either of my EMT texts did. Other than pharmacology and EKG, I think it covered EMS material as well as the Nancy Caroline EMT-P book I used 20 years ago (and still have). Multiple innovative side texts keep the reader engaged with thought provoking examples and clarifications. Excellent illustrations. I have both the hard copy and a Kindle copy. The latter is better for on the hill reference when teaching at live scenarios.

I am struggling to gain access to the online info associated with this book. The inside cover provides information that does not match the online information. I was on hold with a technician for 30 minutes the signal got dropped. I can only hope he calls me back. Very disappointing.

Book was good, but the publishing company is a complete nightmare to deal with. The printed codes have some issues. However, was great. They did as much as they could to make it right. Just hope you don't have to deal with the publishers.

This is a great book, and is incredibly thorough. I'm an EMT as well as an OEC with the National Ski Patrol, and I think this book is as big or bigger than the EMT textbook I went through when I got that certification. That can be a problem too. The book goes into incredible detail about conditions which I, as an OEC on the ski slopes or in the aid room, will not have the ability to diagnose or treat beyond caring for the airway, insuring that the patient is breathing, and making sure that bleeding is controlled and pulse is adequate. Furthermore, the book tends to repeat itself. An excellent example; early in the book, there is a chapter on gross anatomy and physiology. Each chapter then begins with a section on the anatomy and physiology of the area it will be discussing, and essentially repeats the earlier section (frequently using the same pictures). So, final assessment; an excellent medical textbook, but maybe not so well planned, and not so well focused on the population that will be using it?

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