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Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) is a unique, continuing education program that directly addresses trauma issues in the prehospital environment. Following the publication cycle of ATLS (Advanced Trauma Life Support) by the Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons, the PHTLS program is designed to enhance and increase knowledge and skill in delivering trauma care. This fifth edition of the *PHTLS* textbook is the required book for the PHTLS course, and is also ideal for use as the trauma component of a paramedic course or as a general reference book on trauma assessment and management. It combines both basic and advanced trauma concepts and skills in one definitive resource.

- Content includes both basic and advanced training and has been updated to reflect the current ATLS guidelines - complete with extensive references and suggested readings.
- A consistent approach for every body region makes the book easy to follow and includes content on anatomy and physiology, pathophysiology, and assessment and management.
- Airway, Thoracic, and Spinal Skills are presented in an illustrated, step-by-step format as *Specific Skills*.
- Case Scenarios with end-of-chapter solutions and *Review Questions* are included for every chapter to promote critical thinking and assess knowledge.
- A separate chapter on the *Military* provides special trauma considerations and protocols.
- Completely updated to reflect the changes made in the textbook, the ancillary package includes an instructor's manual, powerpoint slide set, 35 mm slide set, and a MERLIN site. All completely updated to reflect the changes made in the textbook.
- A new companion CD-ROM with more than 20 video presentations of the airway and spinal skills used in PHTLS is now included with every book. It also contains information to download onto a PDA.
- New chapters have been added on Injury Prevention, the Golden Principles of Prehospital Trauma Care, and Triage, Transport, and Trauma Systems.
- Revised and expanded chapters include Head Trauma, Shock, Patient Assessment and Management, Airway Management and Ventilation, and Trauma in the Elderly.
- References and suggested reading lists are now included in every chapter to provide evidence-based prehospital trauma care.
- An appendix has been added on the additional concerns and needs of prolonged transportation.
- A new drug table on commonly used drugs for pharmacologically assisted intubation provides general guidelines on the topic.
- New user-friendly algorithms: assessment; airway management; indications for spinal immobilization; shock management; management of traumatic brain injury; and management of musculoskeletal trauma.
- An entirely new set of photographs has been added to the skills portions of the text.
- Photos and video clips are now included for alternative techniques such as face to face intubation, two-person standing longboard application, and two-person rapid extrication.

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