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# The Washington Manual Of Critical Care (Lippincott Manual)



## Synopsis

Prepared by residents and faculty at the Washington University School of Medicine, this pocket manual contains easy-to-read algorithms for the management of more than 80 medical and surgical problems arising in the intensive care unit. Chapters focus on specific problems and the algorithms provide straightforward approaches to the management of these issues. Coverage includes a section on procedures commonly performed in the intensive care unit. Appendices include common equations in the ICU, drug-drug interactions, and common drug dosages and side effects. If you purchased a copy of *Kollef: The Washington Manual of Critical Care*, 2e, ISBN: 978-1-4511-1022-7, please make note of the following two important corrections. On page 149, lines 14 through 16: Torsades de pointes is likely to recur if the inciting factors cannot be eliminated immediately. Magnesium sulfate given at 1 to 2 g IV may have utility, particularly in hypomagnesemic patients. [THE UNIT GRAM IS CORRECTED FROM MILLIGRAM] On page 152, bottom row of Table 20.1: Medication IV Dosing Side effects Magnesium Torsades de pointes: 1-2 g IV Flushing, hypotension push over 5-20 min [THE UNIT GRAM IS CORRECTED FROM MILLIGRAM] Please make note of this correction in your copy of *Kollef: The Washington Manual of Critical Care*, 2e immediately and contact LWW's Customer Service Department at 800-638-3030 so that we may issue you an errata sheet for pages 149 and 152. You may also download a PDF of pages 149 and 152 by clicking [here](#). All copies of *The Washington Manual of Critical Care*, 2e with the ISBN: 978-1-4511-9387-9 include this correction.

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## Customer Reviews

I'm a 4th year med student on my ICU rotation and I got this book (kindle edition) because I wanted something more concise than the Marino text but more detailed than a quick reference book. I think this does fit the bill, but I just can't get over the poor formatting of the kindle edition. The algorithms have great content (better content than the written text) but require zooming in because it's too small and then zooming out because zooming in makes it too blurry. Even simple equations set into the text are blurry. Most pages are only half full of text because the figures are set specifically between particular lines. I got the paperback Wash Manual of Medical Therapeutics and loved the electronic edition (through "Inkling") and was hoping this would be similar. Apparently Marino's new edition also comes with an Inkling edition. Now I find out I am ONE day late in returning this Kindle e-book (I had no idea you could return kindle books until now) for a refund that I probably would've put into buying the paperback edition of this book. Mad at myself and really mad at whoever is responsible for the Kindle edition of this book.

This is a great critical care/ICU text. It has enough information that you feel like you are well informed without having to spend hours sifting through page after page to get what you need. It also has quick reference flowcharts that work out very well. I am an ICU PA and prefer this to the "ICU book" as it has color charts and does not get into as much detail as the "ICU book". That and the price is very reasonable, make this a great book for any personal medical library.

(internal medicine intern) I just started my ICU rotation first year. I wanted a concise book and this one definitely is concise. However, this book would be better for an advanced level like a fellow perhaps. I will likely buy the ICU book by Marino as it is longer but I have heard it is the go to source and easy to read. This Washington manual has lots of flow charts which I am not always a fan of when they take up 3 pages. It lacks detail but does address most issues and even cites studies. It is pretty big and could fit in pocket but heavy. If you want an ICU book that is concise, then this is

appropriate. If you want even moderate details then this is not for you.

The formatting of kindle version is terrible. Tables and flowcharts are low resolution and blurry; basically unreadable. Get the print version.

Although the content is quite satisfactory, there are two major reasons I can't recommend this bound version of "The Washington Manual of Critical Care": 1.) As "The Manual" is primarily directed at the Critical Care fellow who as a resident before and as a fellow now probably will continue to underline or highlight certain sections of the text and make notes in "The Manual" itself, this was very easy with the Spiral bound version but is much more difficult with the bound version now. 2.) I never liked algorithms and this bound version is loaded with them. I am of the opinion that algorithms -like hospital protocols- prevent physicians from thinking about a problem and how to approach it. To learn an algorithm by heart does not further understanding of the problem itself and may even harm ICU patients. Therefore I will continue to recommend, as I have for the last 20 years, "Critical Care Medicine - The Essentials" by Marini & Wheeler to all who are interested in Critical Care Medicine.

I bought this book after taking a job as a nurse practitioner in the medical intensive care unit covering nights. I have a strong background in cardiology/ EP but it had been a few years (5) since I was in the ICU at the bedside. This book is very helpful for looking up quick overviews on different diseases/disorders. It does not contain everything in the standard Washington Manual, so I would recommend having both to review topics not included in this book. I have used it a lot to review differential diagnoses and to ensure I ordered all needed lab work for less seen diagnoses. I do not have the luxury of having a physician at my side anymore (except by phone) so this is a great tool for NPs expected to utilize a high level of critical thinking in a more independent role. I highly recommend it.

Some problems with opening up tables and getting a good view on Kindle. Used the older edition hard copy. Very useful as a quick reference guide. More in-depth info will be required from another source

This book is a staple of critical care medicine. It was recommended to me by my MICU attending. He plainly said, "If you whatever that book tells you to do, you can't go wrong". That being said; pocket

manuals are certainly not all-inclusive, but it definitely got me out of a few jams.

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