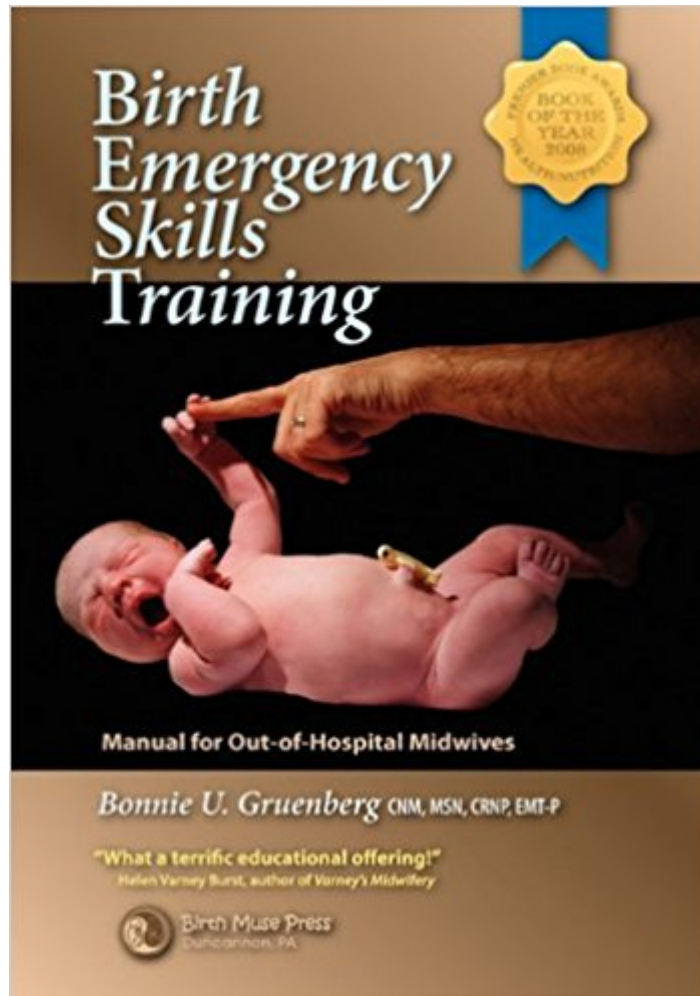




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Birth Emergency Skills Training



Synopsis

The award-winning Birth Emergency Skills Training is the interface between the world of midwifery and the world of medicine. BEST is designed to improve the midwife's ability to act decisively in an emergency and to see it through until resolved or until mother and baby are under physician management. Topics covered include pain and bleeding in pregnancy, hypertension, preterm labor, malpresentations, undiagnosed twins, abnormal fetal heart rate, neonatal resuscitation, shock, trauma, syncope and cardiac arrest. Richly illustrated with drawings and photographs by the author.

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Customer Reviews

" Birth Emergency Skills Training is a book that should be in every midwife's personal library. If you take the first letter of each word in the title, it spells BEST. The book is a comprehensive Manual for Out-of-Hospital Midwives. It will help you serve women better because you will be armed with an amazing amount of information, right at your fingertips. It is spiced with many mnemonics to help you remember key information. It also includes many lists, tables, illustrations and photos. Bonnie is also an accomplished artist! Between the covers you will find information on common complications as well as very obscure ones that hopefully you will never see. It covers complications that occur in pregnancy, birth and postpartum, with help on what to do and when to refer care. Bonnie has excellent discussions of critical thinking in emergencies, how to manage, co-manage or refer as well as a great epilogue on the history of midwifery. Some other chapters include bleeding and hemorrhage, pain, hypertensive disorders, trauma and shock, preterm labor, multiple gestation,

malpresentations and shoulder dystocia, fetal heart monitoring and neonatal resuscitation. This book is an excellent resource for all birth practitioners. The only thing I found missing is discussion of the importance of nutrition in correcting and avoiding complications. If something unusual is occurring, this book will give you the information to explain to your client what is likely going on with her and her baby. When a complication comes up, it is important to remember mom is still having a baby; that is, she having a miracle. The rest of her care needs to be CARE. In any case, this book will give you the information you need to serve mothers and babies well. As midwives our role is to ascertain normality, or to help get a woman into the normal range with information, knowledge and techniques. BEST has all of these. Doula's and childbirth educators can use this book, too. Often they are the only ones who will explain situations to the women they serve, this book potentially has a larger role among other practitioners. " Jan Tritten founder and editor-in-chief Midwifery Today magazine.

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Extraneous code, absence of bullet points, and missing spaces between words made the book difficult to read at times, especially on important sections regarding pneumonics and need-to-be-memorized tables or lists. At times the organization of the book was confusing, not following a clear progression from one topic to another. At times, the author switches from directions for home birth midwife to Directions to EMT without appropriate signaling or recognition that CPMs and Licensed midwives in the United States do not carry intubation supplies and rely on emergency transport for fetal intubation. Perhaps CNMs practicing out of hospital are able to legally do this, as registered midwives in Canada are allowed as well. A CPM or LM might appreciate a book written on emergency skills by another LM or CPM rather than one so steeped in medical model training such as this one. The approach and mentality is very medical and therefore foreign to midwives trained to identify normal and escalate from there, whereas Thai book trains providers to look for pathology

and de-escalate to determine that normal is presenting before them.

Concise and straight forward, this text has useful information without having to read lengthy chapters to obtain it.

I bought this book for school. It is easy to read.

I found this book helpful. The chapters were easy to follow either for cover-to-cover study or for specific research on a topic. I also like the acronyms and other sneaky ways to remember information that you would need in an emergency.

Very detailed and not too "dumbed down". I am planning for a natural birth as well as to get my Certified Nurse Midwife license shortly afterward and this book has a ton of scenarios and detail about how to handle different situations and why.

A very well organized book covering the skills needed to evaluate and deal with real emergencies....

Great source of information.

Great condition

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