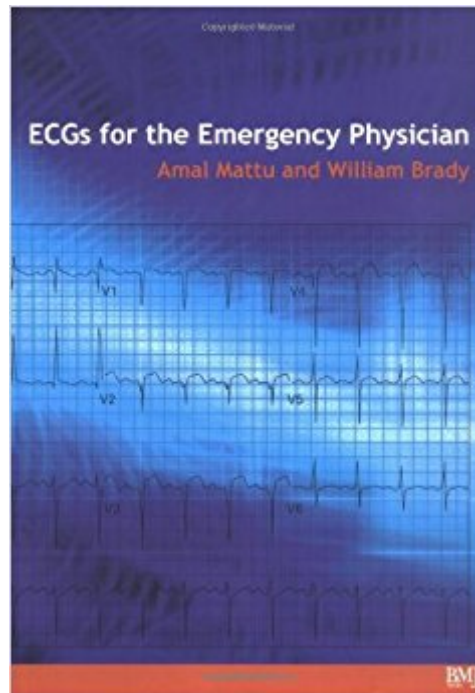


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# ECG's For The Emergency Physician 1



## Synopsis

With over 200 traces to test your knowledge, this book is a first class learning tool for emergency physicians. Basic student-level knowledge of ECGs is assumed, so the reader can move directly to learning about the more complex traces that occur in the emergency department. The level of difficulty is stratified into two sections for specialists in training and specialist emergency physicians. A minimum amount of information is given beneath each trace, as if in the real situation. The full clinical description is printed in a separate section to avoid the temptation of "looking up" answers. Accompanied by learning points, and with the cases presented randomly, this book provides a rich source of information on the interpretation of ECGs - a core skill for all emergency department staff.

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Excellent review of real EKGs with short one-liner histories, just like when you're working in a busy ED and constantly have the EKG techs asking you to sign EKGs. This book is for people who need to read real EKGs of real patients, and it is definitely not for beginners. You need to know the basics of how to read an EKG first, and this book will help you pick up on abnormalities which are necessary for emergency medicine. It does not talk at all about the basics of the EKG tracing or give an overview of EKG at all, it is cover-to-cover real EKGs with explanations, no wasted space. It does have an index in the back, which is nice because you can go back and find cases of particular abnormalities easily.

Dr. Mattu needs no introduction as a recognized expert. However, this book, whether in e-form or paperback is incredibly poorly assembled in my opinion. The EKGs are in one place in the book and the explanations are in another. So one must constantly switch back and forth. The publisher should consider changing the format so that the EKG and it's explanation is on the same page, even at the expense of adding a few pages!

This book is an excellent resource for anybody with a good grounding of ECG basics. This is not for the beginner. The ECGs are of high quality with great explanations of the findings and their clinical pertinence emphasized. This really is for any physician (not just the ER doc) or anybody interested in increasing their ECG acumen and ability. As Dr. Mattu points out it may help you to save a life. I am actually quite impressed with this simple and well thought out format. There is a lot of repetition to hammer home key points. By doing 10 EKGs every day you will get through this book in 3 weeks...and will go back again and again for reinforcement.

The EKGs and interpretations are all first rate, and this text has the potential to be a superb learning guide. However the Kindle edition is severely flawed. The Kindle edition EKGs are presented in one section and the interpretations many pages later. Why's that a problem? After reviewing an individual EKG, you have to aimlessly wander through the later book to find the appropriate interpretation. They're not linked in any way and you can't use Kindle search to find them. It's totally

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book more user friendly. I gave the e-book only two stars. I'm sure the hard copy warrants more.

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