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As a registered nurse for the last 28 years, my primary clinical expertise for the last 24 years has been working in the pre-hospital environment as a flight nurse and a paramedic, as well as continuing to work in a variety of clinical areas which include the emergency department, pediatrics and endoscopy. My extensive clinical background has also given me the opportunity to work as a legal nurse consultant with one of the largest law firms in Arizona. As an EMS educator and program director of paramedic training programs for the last 20 years and most recently for the last 5 years as the National Clinical Educator for one of the largest air medical transport companies, I truly enjoy teaching in a simple manner as to assure that students do have a strong basic understanding in making critical care decisions and that they will be providing the highest quality of patient care beginning from the least to the most invasive management of care for the patients they are transporting. My goal as a professional and as an EMS educator has always been and will continue to encourage students to have the desire to learn and grow in their profession, as well as contribute to EMS in way that inspires positive change. "Tell me and I'll forget; Show me and I may remember; Involve me and I'll understand" www.backtobasicscourse.com

I'm taking the CCT course in a couple of months, and purchased this as a primer and to see what I should brush up on before attending. I was happy to find that my paramedic program did an excellent job at some non-flight/non-CCT topics. I also found some topics which I need to study. For

that purpose, the book worked for me. However, there were several issues I had with the text. Some are minor - like spelling mistakes or other small typos - sentences that are fragments or skip a thought. The occasional Wikipedia reference in the middle of the answers (linking to an actual reference listed in the end notes, but still an editing mistake) was amusing. There were some larger issues, though. I found several instances where a question would ask about one topic with possible answers that didn't make any sense, and the explanation would talk about a completely different topic. Then the following question would be related to the previous explanation, but would have its own, appropriate explanation. As long as you don't mind some editing errors, it is a good book for the price.

Great review book. Questions are almost exactly like the ones on the FP-C exam. I studied this book exclusively for 3 weeks until about a week before my test when IAFCCP released their online study tool. I went through it one time and didn't find it to be as helpful except it showed that this book is a little lacking on the CAMTS requirement questions. I studied the CAMTS pdf off their website with Back to Basics for that last week and made a 93 on my first attempt on the test. This is the first product I recommend when people ask me how to study for FP-C/CCP-C.

A very good book for FP-C and CFRN. An important thing for these exams is getting used to the way they ask the questions and Orchids book does a fantastic job at that. There is the occasional typo, or grammatical error but it is otherwise very well written. I recommend using this book in conjunction with a FP-C / CFRN prep course. Orchid teaches a fantastic prep class.

www.backtobasicscourse.com... If you can't attend one of her classes there are some good online classes you can take. A prep class and going through this book cover to cover 2 or 3 times will set you up to pass whichever exam you are going for (in my opinion). The book is great but I feel one needs a basic understanding of Critical Care Transport skills to learn from the book. As an example, the book does a great job of getting you through ABG interpretations. But doesn't really teach you what an ABG actually is. You would need a basic understanding of things like ABG, hemodynamic monitoring, Lab values, Advanced Airway procedures, and other critical care skills for the book to be successful. (again, my opinion).

Although a good study guide overall I found many mistakes. Questions with no correct answers and then the explanation would talk about another issue completely. Question 8 in Ch 1 pg 15 for one, picture below. So be ready to research any questions you think may be incorrect. I would not use

this as a sole study guide. It made me question many of the authors rationals.

My employer is requiring us to get FP-C by 2016. We talked to others who already have their FP-C and this book was the highest recommended. Ironically, it isn't on the list of "suggested" reading from the FP-C website. This book is less than \$20 versus \$70+ for the suggested reading textbooks. Literally every single person with their FP-C unanimously recommended Lopez' Basic's Book. I consider myself very comfortable with obstetrics so I took the practice test. I made an 80%. When I went back to look at my wrong answers, it gives the rationale for each answer and explanation as to why it was wrong/right. Great reading and review even if you aren't planning on taking the FP-C.

This was a good review book for the basics and helps you test important information. It covers the essentials you need to know exactly like the tittle says: Back to Basics. I found the questions in this book to be too easy compared to the FP-C exam. I was a first time pass on the FP-C but I believe the ACE SAT and Kyle Faudree's book were more instrumental. My friend used Back to Basics solely to practice for his FP-C exam and unfortunately did not pass. I still however beleive this book is extremely important and a must have for anyone studying to take the FP-C. Ryan NRP, CCEMTP, FP-C

Very useful book. Helped me study for national CCTP board exam. Great format and explanations for answers where very helpful.

Truly the best prep for CCPC / FPC. Also recommend taking Orchid's in person class. Her simple teaching technique will blow the mind of even well experienced paramedics. This book is like a test book with questions, then at the end of each section the answers with rationale. Buy this in paperback and mark it up! Learn from it then buy another and test yourself again to see how much you have improved.

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