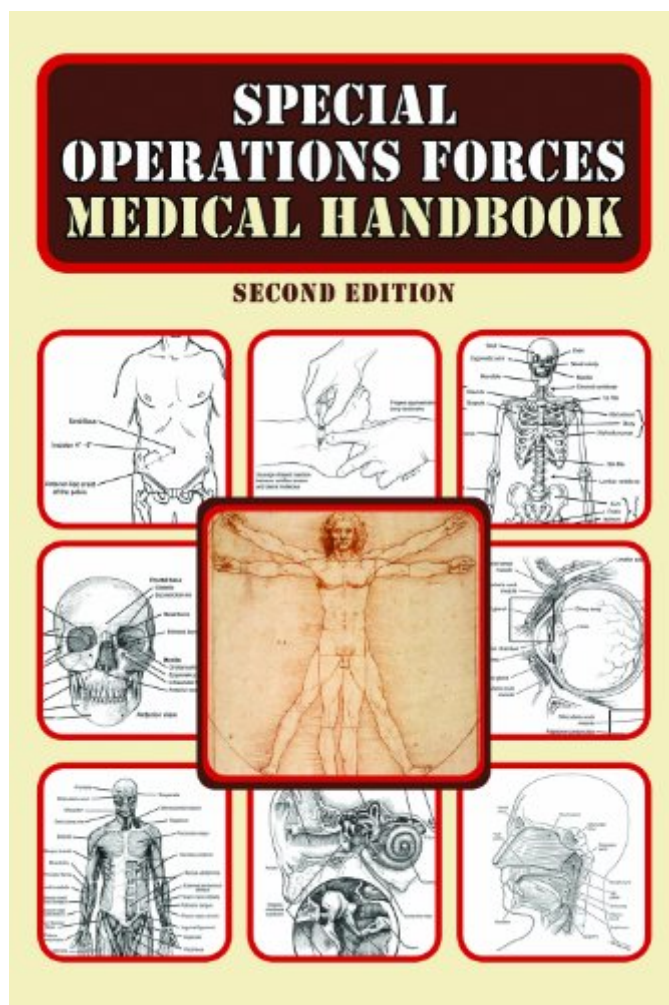


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# Special Operations Forces Medical Handbook



## Synopsis

The newest edition of the Special Operations Forces Medical Handbook is perfect and practical for both soldiers and civilians. Nearly 140 comprehensive illustrations show the proper techniques for medical care, from basic first-aid and orthopedics to instructions for emergency war surgery and even veterinary medicine. Questions are listed so that the medic can obtain an accurate patient history and perform a complete physical examination. Diagnoses are made easier with information on the distinctive features of each illness. This straightforward manual is sure to assist any reader faced with a medical issue or emergency.

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## Customer Reviews

I can't express how much information is crammed into this book! It is by far the most detailed and diverse medical guide I have found so far. Being that this is designed for tactical situations and for Military/Government, there are no annoying "Seek medical attention immediately" or "Call 911" references after each section. It is more for the Docs and battlefield or deployment situations. On this note, it is designed for people with medical experience, or at least knowledge in medical terms. No worries there, as there is a very large list of abbreviations in the back... but it can be a pretty

technical read. Here are the things I like most about this handbook:. Very detailed index of terms.. Trade names of generic drugs.. SOF Medical Handbook Abbreviations.. Physical/Mental Conditions. Now there aren't many diagrams or pictures, BUT the ones that are in there are VERY helpful. This book wasn't necessarily designed to be a pictorial demonstration of how to perform medical procedures. The print is kind of small, so I wouldn't use this as a field guide.. but more of a reference to sit and study to assist in diagnosis. When I say that this book is jam packed with information, its JAM PACKED! Of course there are plenty of blank pages at the end to make notes if you choose to do so. Also, this is the Second Edition.. which is updated through 2008. That said, it has a lot of information about PTSD and common mental conditions with today's combat veterans. A handful of techniques are explained in regards to moving bodies and using casualty baskets. I was ultimately surprised that it went into dentistry with such detail.. which was awesome. What it comes down to is this.. GET THIS BOOK! Especially for the price, it can save a life and keep your family safe when 911 or emergency units aren't available.

As a corpsman I used this book while in the field without a medical provider or doctor. Would recommend to anyone in such conditions or planning to be. Very in depth and well rounded for all kinds of conditions, keep in mind it has the background that is for a true special forces operator behind lines with very limited medical support. Can be technical and detailed in some areas. The intro states that it was designed along the lines that if the authors had been in the wilderness with basic skills and no medical support how would they treat their family member if they had "x" condition. The book truly takes that saying to heart.

First, I am a retired Army Physician and taught one phase of the Special Forces Medic Course. I am very familiar with this book. This printing is a civilian reprint and quite good. If you have a medical background (ie EMT, LPN or RN) it will be very useful. It is packed with knowledge and can be overwhelming if you have no background in medicine. It should have a place in your Prepper Reference Library. BUT, be aware that this book is not printed on water-proof paper like the issue book. The issue book is water resistant and tear resistant. It is made to be stuffed in a ruck sack or aid bag and survive in an austere environment. Therefore it is more expensive but the cost is worth it if you plan to have this in your BOB and use it in a field setting. It is available thru the Government Printing Office [www.bookstore.gpo.gov](http://www.bookstore.gpo.gov) stock number 008-070-00810-6 and the cost is \$59. Make no mistake, the reprint here is excellent and well worth the price. It just won't survive long in your BOB or field medic bag.

If one is ever in a situation that they cannot get to a doctor or hospital, this book could save your life. It is exactly what I believe every family needs in case of dire emergency. This isn't a book to read for fun. It is the real deal and should be taken seriously. Therefore, I suggest that if you buy this book, you study up a little on your anatomy. I hope this review helped...

I recommend this book to anyone who travels outside of the country on mission trips or if your going camping or to the battlefield ha! This books covers everything from triage to pediatrics. For the price you get more then what you pay for. I'm thinking of buying a second one just in case mine gets damaged or lost.

It is a very thorough and technical manual. I am not a medical professional but have been trained in combat medical and tactical combat casualty care. Was looking for a book that was more on the lines of if this happens try this. More on the things that happen and that I can affect while in the field without all the prescriptions. It was as advertised and a good resource.

This book is jam packed with any medical situation you can think of. It ranges from combat casualty care to infectious diseases, veterinary care, and even biological injury and more. Hope you like to read,because it's almost 700 pages!

When I was a kid I had the older green cover version and loved to read through it, just for fun. Maybe I'm weird, I know, but it was the only book I had seen that actually got into details that other books were afraid to touch due to fear of lawsuits. It is somewhat like owning a gun.... you hope you never have to use it, but it makes you feel good it's there if you ever need it.

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