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The Hazmat medical life support basic provider course book aims to equip medical responders to a hazmat incident — chemical, radiological or biological — with essential skills and knowledge to safely manage casualties. It includes basic information about hazmat agents and provides easy to remember algorithmic approaches for the on-scene management of a hazmat event. Essential information on setting up medical operations, triaging and approach to hazmat event, personal protective equipment, decontamination, wound management, life support as well as paediatric-specific issues are discussed in this book.

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Readership: Emergency first responders and receivers including nurses, paramedics, doctors as well as incident managers will find this book an essential tool when responding to a hazmat incident. It could be used by junior staff with no experience in hazmat response as the information provided is quite basic. On the

other hand, those experienced in this field including hazmat event managers would find this book a useful resource not only for themselves but as a tool for training their staff.

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