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- In severe hypothermia the patient may develop life-threatening cardiac dysrhythmias, such as ventricular fibrillation and asystole (p. 46).
- With few exceptions, a competent adult has the right to refuse treatment. even if his decision is life-threatening (p. 49).
- Perform chest compressions—not abdominal thrusts—in an unresponsive victim with a foreign-body airway obstruction (p. 51).
- Restarting nutrition in a person in a state of starvation can trigger a lifethreatening metabolic complication called refeeding syndrome (p. 53).
- Cigarette smoking increases the risk of kidney cancer by about 40% (p. 59).

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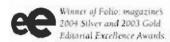
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