

UPDATE TO WILDLAND FIRE SAFETY CHAPTER IN *WILDERNESS MEDICINE*

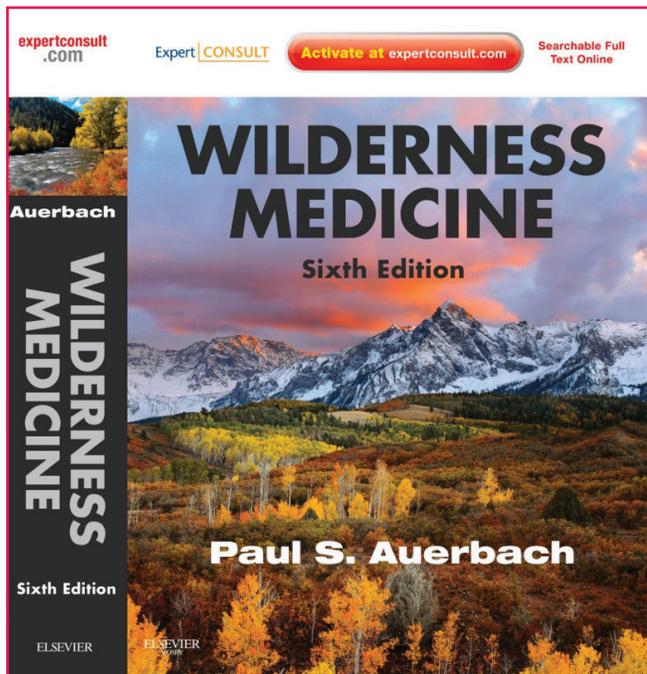
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The chapter "Wildland Fires: Dangers and Survival" (Alexander et al. 2012) in the 2012 edition of the book *Wilderness Medicine* includes the latest information, a new author, and additional photos. The sixth edition of the book, under the editorial leadership of Paul S. Auerbach of the Stanford University Medical Center, is available in print and electronic formats (Auerbach 2012). The chapter has been included in the book since the inaugural edition was printed in 1983 (Alexander 2008).

What's New?

The "Wildland Fires" chapter (Alexander et al. 2012) incorporates the latest information on developments in the field based on research findings and real-world events (e.g., statistics on recent wildland firefighter fatality trends, implications of the 2009 Black Saturday fires in Victoria, Australia). Colin Bucks, a clinical instructor in the Division of Emergency Medicine at the Stanford University School of Medicine, who has some frontline experience in wildland fire suppression, contributed greatly to the revision of the content on firefighter health-related issues. Several new photos illustrate concepts presented in the text.

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Spine and cover of the latest edition of the book Wilderness Medicine, as edited by Paul S. Auerbach. Image courtesy of Helena Stefaine, Elsevier, Philadelphia, PA.

Wilderness Medicine, consisting of 2,304 pages, 13 sections, and 114 chapters, covers a myriad of topics. One new feature of the sixth edition is a fully searchable online text capability via <http://www.expertconsult.com>.

Still a Valuable Reference

In the foreword to a reprint of the fifth edition of the chapter, funded by the Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center in 2007, retired Forest Service regional fuels specialist Dave Thomas regarded the chapter on "Wildland Fires: Dangers and Survival" in *Wilderness Medicine* as "one of the best surveys on the subject of wildland fire safety that has been published in some time" (Thomas 2007). Presumably, the latest version of the chapter holds this same claim.

For additional information about the sixth edition of *Wilderness Medicine*, visit the following links: <http://www.us.elsevierhealth.com/> and <http://www.expertconsultbook.com/>.

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