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1. Describe the role of the EKG technician and identify healthcare settings in which EKG technicians work

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Bold key terms are located throughout the text, followed by their definitions. They are also listed in the glossary at the back of this book.

Obtaining a 12-lead EKG

All **care procedures** are highlighted by the same black bar for easy recognition.

Quick Reference

Quick Reference charts are a summary of the most vital information in this book.

Tip

Don't snoop!

Tip boxes contain extra information that will help you be an even better EKG technician.

Take Action Now!

Take Action Now! boxes will help you recognize situations that require an immediate response.

Chapter Review

Chapter-ending bulleted lists reinforce your knowledge of the information found in the chapter. If you have trouble recalling the material in the summary, you can return to the text and reread the material.