

Memo

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**Please share this information
with your Instructors!**

SUBJECT: ECC Update

AHA INSTRUCTOR NETWORK

The AHA Instructor Network is up and running! Many TC Coordinators have taken advantage of the special offer to have the AHA enter Instructor information directly into the system. This pre-approval process saves everyone time: TC Coordinators don't have to manually enter their Instructors information and then confirm them on an individual basis as they request access. Instructors don't have to wait until they've been approved by the TC Coordinator to view the Instructor Network. This promotional event will expire on **Friday, March 31st** so send your Instructor's information to ahainstructornetwork@heart.org today! Don't forget about the Instructors located at your training sites; please make sure they are included in your list.

For those TC Coordinators having difficulty with the Instructor Network, we have put together an important information document in an attempt to resolve the problems. The FAQ document (attached to the email) addresses issues like logging into the Instructor Network and viewing Instructor information.

BLS HCP RENEWAL COURSES

Since the release of the 2006 BLS HCP materials, the Service Center has received calls about conducting renewal courses. Because there are so many science changes, students with cards issued before June 1, 2006, must complete a renewal course using the 2006 BLS HCP Renewal Video and practice the skills with the video. For subsequent renewals, Instructors can continue to choose to use the renewal video or just perform skills and written exams. Refer to the 2006 BLS HCP Instructor Manual, pages 4 and 16 for more information.

BLS HCP PRETEST

To alleviate student anxiety and reduce course time, the pretest has been discontinued for the BLS program.

BRIDGE EXAMS UPDATE

Last month, TC Coordinators received BLS, ACLS & PALS bridge exams from the Service Center. Here are some updates regarding those bridge exams:

- There is no Heartsaver CPR Adult bridge exam. The new Heartsaver product line is expected to be out the second quarter. If a Heartsaver CPR Adult bridge exam is needed, National has given permission to black out the questions that relate to 2000 Guidelines.
- There is no ACLS pretest bridge exam. Just like the Heartsaver CPR Adult bridge exam, National has given permission to black out the questions that relate to 2000 Guidelines.
- The minimum passing score for all ECC exams is 84% or higher. The minimum score has not change with the release of the bridge exams. Use this formula to determine the score:

$$\# \text{ of Correct Answers} / \# \text{ of total questions} \times 100 = \text{Percent correct}$$

- The ACLS version B (not the EMS version) bridge answer key has an incorrect answer for question 18. The correct answer for 18 is C. Instructors may wish to use the original ACLS version B answer key and omit the questions indicated on the bridge version B.

CORRECTED SKILLS AND REMEDIATION SHEETS FOR 2006 HCP COURSE

It has come to the Service Center's attention, that early copies of the BLS for HCP Instructor Manual may contain errors on one critical skills testing checklist and one remediation sheet. The errors occur on the following sheets:

CPR Critical Skills Testing Checklist-Infant 1- and 2- Rescuer CPR Skills Test

Step # 10

Error: Acceptable > 23 of 30 compressions

Correction: Acceptable > 11 of 15 compressions

Infant 1- and 2- Rescuer CPR Student Practice Check Sheets for Remediation

Step # 12

Error: Do 30 Compressions

Correction: Do 15 compressions.

The forms have been updated and are located on the Instructor Network as well as attached to this email. The corrected forms will be included in future reprints of BLS HCP Instructor Manual. Please use the corrected forms in your Instructor rollouts and future HCP courses.

As a side note, there is no choking skills evaluation (conscious or unconscious) on any of the sheets. However, it is a demonstrated skill during the course with the watch and practice format.

SEQUENCE TABLES & ILLUSTRATIONS

The Adobe Acrobat file titled "Sequence Tables and Illustrations" located on the 2006 Guidelines Rollout Materials CD ROM may not print. An updated version is attached to this email.

NATIONAL REGISTRY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS & GUIDELINES

As the Rollouts have progressed, one of the most commonly asked question has been "What is National Registry doing about guidelines changes?" NREMT has posted a statement on their website concerning the transition to the new guidelines. That statement is located at

http://www.nremt.org/about/article_00027_AHA_Test_Revision.asp. Please direct any questions to the National Registry office.

GUIDELINES UPDATE PACKAGE

By now, all TC Coordinators should have received the Guidelines Update Package containing 1 CD ROM and 2 DVDs. While these materials can be copied and distributed to Regional Faculty and Training Center Faculty as needed they are only to be used in updating Instructors with the new science, not for external use in the community. If you have not received the Guidelines Update Package, please contact the Service Center.

NEW PRODUCT RELEASES

There has been one new product announcement since the last monthly update:

- 80-1059 Algorithm for Suspected Stroke and Prehospital Stroke Scale (Card)

The release date for the BLS for Healthcare Providers Renewal Online Course (80-1055) has been revised to April 17, 2006 to allow time for BLS Instructors to be updated with the new science. In anticipation of the launch, the new 2005 BLS HCP Renewal Online, the technology for www.onlinetrainingplace.com has been updated. Here are some of the new features for the site:

- *Immediate Access for individual key purchase.* You no longer have to wait for your KEY to arrive via email!
- *Receipts online.* A receipt for your purchase is now available through the "Order History" link on the sidebar whenever you want it.
- *Check Key Status.* Bulk key purchasers can immediately access their KEYS and check the status of their KEYS by clicking on the "Order History" button on the sidebar.

The revised BLS HCP Renewal Online product announcement and the Algorithm for Suspected Stroke & Prehospital Stroke Scale product announcement are attached to the email.

SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS 2006

You are invited to submit abstracts for the American Heart Association's Scientific Sessions 2006. Scientific Sessions encompasses four days of invited lectures and investigative reports. Simultaneous presentations represent all fields of cardiovascular and related disciplines, including cardiovascular nursing. The scope and quality of scientific exchange at Scientific Sessions make it the premier international cardiovascular research and instructional gathering. Deadline for abstract submission is May 26, 2006 at 5pm CST. For more information on Scientific Sessions or to submit abstracts, please visit www.scientificsessions.americanheart.org.

REGISTER FOR ECCU 2006 INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION

The next Emergency Cardiovascular Care Update (ECCU) is scheduled for June 22-25, 2006 at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando, FL. This conference is the only event of its kind bringing together physicians, researchers, nurses, EMTs, paramedics and others involved in the instruction and practice of resuscitation. Recently released new CPR and ECC guidelines, makes ECCU 2006 more important than ever! The ECCU 2006 Conference registration brochure is located in the spring 2006 edition of *Currents* or you can download it at www.citizencpr.org/ECCU_Conf_broch_Final.pdf.

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For current instructor and course information please visit: www.americanheart.org/cpr. To keep up to date on all Guidelines information and view the web casts please visit: www.americanheart.org/eccguidelines.