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**SUBJECT: ECC Monthly Update**

**HEARTSAVER PRODUCTS AVAILABLE MAY 31<sup>st</sup>**

The Heartsaver and Family & Friends products line, including manuals, videos and posters, will be available for purchase from all ECC Material Distributor on *Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>*. Announcements for all the new Heartsaver and Family & Friends products were released last month and are also located on the Instructor Network under the "AHA Courses" column.

**NEW COURSE MATRIX**

A new course matrix reflecting the 2006 BLS courses has been released! This handy tool not only gives course and intended audience descriptions but it also specifically lists the products required for each course. The 2006 course matrix is attached to the ECC Monthly Update email as well as located on the Instructor Network under the AHA Courses column.

**REVISED CORE INSTRUCTOR COURSE TRAINING MEMO**

TC Coordinators and Regional Faculty were emailed the revised Core Instructor Course Training Memo earlier this month. The revised memo states that the AHA Core Instructor Course will be used to train all new instructors after October 1, 2006. Current Instructors are no longer required to complete the Core Instructor Course unless they fall into one of the following categories:

- Are adding a discipline (i.e. a BLS Instructor adding ACLS Instructor status)
- Are identified as having documented deficiencies in either skills or required knowledge of course curricula
- Are a current National Faculty, Regional Faculty or Training Center Faculty member
- Are being appointed to Training Center Faculty

National Faculty, Regional Faculty and Training Center Faculty must complete the Core Instructor Course before they can teach that course or the discipline specific module of the new Instructor course but no later than June 30, 2007.

While the requirement that all Instructors must go through the Core Instructor Course has been lifted, a TC Coordinator could choose to require that all Instructors aligned with their TC complete the course. The Core Instructor Course is a valuable tool for all instructors—both current and new. It will be an excellent way to strengthen current

Instructors skills and help improve the delivery of AHA science education during AHA courses. This revised Training Memo as well as all other memos is posted on the Instructor Network under the “My Instructor Information” tab.

To date the Service Center does not have a release date for the Core Instructor Course or the discipline specific modules. As soon as we receive any new information, we will be sure to pass it along to the training network.

### **GUIDELINES UPDATE CD ROM**

Have you accidentally misplaced your Guidelines Update CD ROM? Don't worry – we've got you covered! All the documents on the CD ROM are located on the Instructor Network under the “Instructor Education” tab.

### **GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE WAIVERS**

Per the Training Center Agreement (Section 9.3), Training Centers must obtain and maintain general liability insurance from a carrier rated A, VII or better. Most insurance waivers are only current for one year. To avoid having to remember about your insurance waiver every year, ask your insurance carrier to name the American Heart Association (attention: ECC Service Center) as a certificate holder. That way, the insurance carrier will send the Service Center a copy of your waiver every period. Just one less thing you have to worry about in your already busy days!

Self-insured and governmental Training Centers are prohibited by law from carrying general liability insurance. Therefore, these Training Centers will need to submit their last financial audits/statements of their self insured plan.

### **NEW PRODUCT RELEASES**

There have been two product releases since the last ECC Monthly Update:

- Heartsaver AED Anywhere (80-1076)
- CPR-AED Wallet Card (80-1080)

These products will be available from the ECC Material Distributors on May 31, 2006. For your use, the Heartsaver AED Anywhere and CPR-AED Wallet Card product announcements are attached to the email.

### **YEAR END REPORTS**

With summer comes warm weather, vacations and...year-end training reports! The Service Center anticipates sending the 2005-2006 year end training reports very soon. The reports will be sent via email and postal mail so for those planning on being out of the office during the summer months, please make sure that you have a way to access your training center mail and/or TC Coordinator email.

### **REGISTER FOR ECCU 2006 INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION**

The next Emergency Cardiovascular Care Update (ECCU), scheduled for June 22-25, 2006 at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando, FL, is quickly approaching. Many sessions, including the 2 half day, pre-conference sessions for ACLS Instructors to receive an ACLS rollout on new course curriculum. 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](http://www.citizencpr.org/ECCU_Conf_broch_Final.pdf).

### **VISIT OUR WEBSITES FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE ECC INFORMATION**

For current instructor and course information please visit: <http://ahainstructornetwork.org> or [www.americanheart.org/cpr](http://www.americanheart.org/cpr). To keep up to date on all Guidelines information and view the web casts please visit: [www.americanheart.org/eccguidelines](http://www.americanheart.org/eccguidelines).