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

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**SUBJECT: ECC Monthly Update**

**ACLS PRODUCTS AVAILABLE AUGUST 31<sup>st</sup>**

ACLS Course Materials will be available for purchase from all ECC Material Distributors on August 31, 2006. This product line will include: Provider/Instructor Manuals, ACLS Video (DVD/VHS formats), ACLS Instructor package, Pocket Reference Cards, Algorithm Emergency Cart Cards, ACLS 12-Lead ECG Poster, ACLS Treatment Sequences for Pulseless Arrest Poster and ACLS Poster Pack.

**ACLS COURSE DISCUSSION**

Get the perspective from fellow National Faculty members on how the redesigned American Heart Association ACLS course will help save more lives:

- Overview and discussion of improvements in content and teaching methods
- Excerpts from American Heart Association National Faculty training
- Preview of new ACLS instructor video

<http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=3040386>

**OSHA First Aid Best Practices Guide**

OSHA First Aid Best Practices Guide has been released. Please note that this is NOT a standard or regulation and it creates no new legal obligations, nor does it change any existing OSHA standard or regulation. The guide is advisory in nature, informational in content, and is intended to assist employers in providing a safe and healthful workplace. This is great information for TCs and Instructors that work with commercial customers. (Guide is attachment to Newsletter)

Here are some **“Highlights”** of the guide:

- The guide presents a summary of the basic elements for a first-aid program at the workplace. The elements extend beyond basic first aid to include CPR and AED programs.
- OSHA Requirement section lists the OSHA standards that require CPR training.
- The document states that an AED should be considered when selecting first aid supplies and equipment.

## **OSHA - FIRST AID COMPLIANCE**

### ***“The Do’s and Don’ts of First Aid Compliance”***

As a follow up to the recent publication “OSHA 3317, Fundamentals of a Workplace First Aid Program” , Occupational health & Safety magazine featured an article titled “The Dos and Don’ts of First Aid Compliance”. It is attached for your convenience. It provides a comprehensive discussion on first aid supplies – including AED program implementation. It is a good resource for members of the training network.



The Dos and Don'ts  
Of First Ai...

## **“NEW” ECC WEBSITE ADDITIONS**

**Two (2) “NEW” ECC Website pages** have been created for both **Heartsaver AED Anytime** and for **CPR Programs for Schools**.

**“NEW” Family & Friends CPR Anytime and Heartsaver AED Anytime Pages:**

<http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=3040526>

**“NEW” CPR Programs for Schools Pages:**

<http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=3040460>

## **NEW PRODUCT RELEASES ☺ - Available July 28, 2006**

*Product announcements for the following are attached to this email:*

### **New *Marketing Materials* for Heartsaver, Family & Friends, and Anytime Products!**

- ♥ **CPR Anytime Business Card (80-1119)**
- ♥ **CPR Anytime Programs Tri-fold Brochure (80-1120)**
- ♥ **Heartsaver AED Anytime Sell Sheet (80-1121)**
- ♥ **Heartsaver AED Anytime Skills Test Flyer (80-1122)**
- ♥ **Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid Product Information Sheet (80-1113)**
- ♥ **Family & Friends First Aid for Children Product Information Sheet (80-1117)**
- ♥ **Family & Friends CPR Product Information Sheet (80-1118)**

*\*\*Please note that the **CPR Anytime Programs Tri-fold Brochure** replaces the larger CPR Anytime Brochure, product number 70-2348.*

## **CLARIFICATION for BLS & HS INSTRUCTOR COURSES**

The **HS First Aid with CPR & AED provider course** is a prerequisite for all **NEW HS Instructor** candidates in addition to the Core Instructor Course. **Current** BLS Instructors & HS Instructors who wish to teach **HS First Aid** must complete a Guidelines Rollout Update which will satisfy the prerequisite for teaching the First Aid module. **NOTE: A TC may also impose additional requirements for current instructors in conjunction with this prerequisite in order to teach First Aid.**

## **AHA’s CORE INSTRUCTOR COURSE IS HERE!!**

As you already know from previous communications from the Service Center, **AHA’s Core Instructor Course (CIC)** will be available to purchase on **Monday, July 31, 2006**. **\*\*NOTE\*\*:** Information and the **special security code** needed for purchasing both the **CIC** and the **CIC Faculty Guide** will be **posted to the Instructor Network on Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>!** **Be sure to go to the Instructor Network to receive this valuable information.** A **Core Instructor Course FAQ Sheet** is also attached for your information.

### ***Who should take this course?***

- All Regional Faculty, National Faculty, and Training Center Faculty
- All new instructors
  - Beginning **October 1, 2006**, ***this course will be used to train all new instructors***
- Current instructors who want to become instructors in another discipline (ACLS, PALS, BLS HCP, Heartsaver)
- Instructors wishing to obtain Continuing Education credits
- Anyone else wishing to enhance his/her teaching skills

### ***How does the CIC work?***

- Three methods of delivery for ultimate flexibility
- Instructor candidate should consult with Training Center prior to taking the course to determine which delivery method is preferred by TC
- TC may recommend one method or a combination of 2-3 methods

#### **CHOICE A:**

##### ***Online through AHA's Professional Education Center***

- This is the preferred method for taking the course
- Only delivery method that offers continuing education credits
- Upon completion, instructor candidate can receive 8 hours of CE credit
- Connect via [americanheart.org/coreinstructorcourse](http://americanheart.org/coreinstructorcourse)

#### **CHOICE B:**

##### ***Via CD-ROM***

#### **CHOICE C:**

##### ***Instructor-led, classroom-based course***

### ***Becoming an AHA Instructor***

- Completion of the Core Instructor Course does not guarantee that an instructor candidate will become an American Heart Association instructor.

#### **Candidates must also:**

- Align with an American Heart Association Training Center
- Complete a discipline-specific instructor course (in BLS, Heartsaver, ACLS, and/or PALS)
- Be monitored by an American Heart Association Instructor while teaching an American Heart Association course

### ***Many Benefits of the CIC!!***

- **Course Benefits:**
  - Based on well-developed, well-tested instructional competency set
  - Multiple delivery formats provide ultimate flexibility
  - Speaks to any/all types of teachers, regardless of background or experience
  - Student can complete at his/her own pace
  - Internet accessible
  - Highly interactive
  - Continuing Education credits available if course is taken online
  - Consistent message across all disciplines
  - Instructor only needs to complete the course *ONCE*
  - Easier to expand existing instructors to other disciplines
  - Combines strong core AHA message with local TC input at discipline-specific level
  - Includes PROAD module with overview of ECC structure, roster management, etc.
  - Includes Resources section
  - CD-ROM provides tool for instructors to refresh knowledge

***Don't forget to review the attached Core Instructor Course FAQ Sheet!!***

## **ARE YOU “IN” YET? – AHA’s INSTRUCTOR NETWORK PORTAL**

**\*\*TC Coordinators check this site often!**

TC Coordinators, please check the Instructor Network Portal on a weekly basis to see if any of your Instructors have registered and are pending your approval. You may receive an emailed notification from the Service Center that instructor registrations are pending, but we also encourage you to be pro-active in checking the Instructor Network Portal regularly.

**Good News!!** AHA has made many enhancements to make the process easier for joining the Network. **REMEMBER** the **BENEFITS** and the **NEED** to be “IN” TCCs and Instructors!!

### **AHA’s Instructor Network (“IN”) provides access to:**

- ♥ Training Updates (Memos and Bulletins)
- ♥ Course Updates
- ♥ the Latest News
- ♥ Marketing Materials
- ♥ Continuing Education
  - **Access to Professional Education Center**
- ♥ Continuing Education
- ♥ Discussion Groups for Networking
- ♥ Knowledge Base (Comprehensive FAQ)
- ♥ Instructor/TCC-only Information, such as Training Updates, Course Card Templates, etc. will no longer be available through the ECC public Website or through the Extranet
- ♥ All Instructor information has been shifted from the public site and the Extranet to the Instructor Network

### **How to Be “IN”?**

#### ***How do Instructors join?***

- ♥ Go to [ahainstructornetwork.org](http://ahainstructornetwork.org) and click “Sign Up”
- ♥ Complete the AHA’s Standard Online Registration Process (SORP), as well as ECC fields for their Instructor Affiliations
- ♥ During registration, select the Training Center(s) they are affiliated with for any/all disciplines they teach
- ♥ TCCs receive email indicating that an Instructor requested access and confirms Instructor as affiliated with their TC
- ♥ Instructors then receive an email confirming access to their Instructor information

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

For current instructor and course information: <http://www.ahainstructornetwork.org>

For general ECC information: [www.americanheart.org/cpr](http://www.americanheart.org/cpr).

For **Guidelines 2005** information and to view the web casts: [www.americanheart.org/eccguidelines](http://www.americanheart.org/eccguidelines)

## **ACLS, BLS, PALS, PROVIDER AND INSTRUCTOR COURSES**

Let us send students your way!! To assist you in promoting your courses and to better meet the requests of the community, please share information with the Service Center, for upcoming provider and instructor courses at your TC or Site.

## **KEEPING COMMUNICATIONS FLOWING**

One of the primary roles of the Glen Allen Service Center is to provide communications regarding anything dealing with ECC and AHA to the Training Network. It is very important that changes to RF & TCC contact information such as, email addresses, phone #s, fax #s, and mailing addresses be communicated immediately to the Service Center so as not to create gaps in communications that you receive from us.