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SUBJECT: ECC Update

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!

The Service Center would like to take this time to wish you a safe and happy holiday season. As we draw near to this joyous time of year, please take a moment to remember those who continue to save lives by reducing disability and death from heart disease and stroke through the American Heart Association's Emergency Cardiovascular Care programs. These people, yourselves included, work tirelessly throughout the year to assure that more of our friends and neighbors are here with us to celebrate this wonderful season. As we carry on the business of the Association, we sometimes lose sight of the true accomplishments of our work: saving lives! The Service Center is proud to know you and glad to be part of your continued commitment to quality & excellence in education.

ECC SERVICE CENTER CLOSURE

To celebrate the holiday season and the new year, the ECC Service Center and AHA offices will be closed from Monday December 26 through Monday January 2. Business will resume as usual on Tuesday January 3, 2006.

MID-YEAR TC ACTIVITY REPORTS

With the release of 2005 Guidelines, area rollouts and the upcoming ECC Instructor Portal, the Service Center is happy to announce that National is not requesting mid-year reports this January!! End of the year reports will still be collected as usual.

AED USAGE UNDER NEW GUIDELINES

The Service Center has received many calls concerning the use of current AEDs, which do not reflect the new science protocols. Dr. Jerry Potts, AHA Director of Science for ECC Programs, has issued a formal statement so Instructors can continue teaching AED courses using the current models and trainers. The attached formal statement from Dr. Potts may be shared with course participants to address any of their concerns.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AREA GUIDELINES UPDATES

Regional Faculty – please make sure you return your registration form to the ECC Service Center. Registration is necessary; walk-ins will not be permitted.

PRODUCT RELEASES

National has released a generic timeline for products updated with the new science:

- December 19, 2005 – 2005 Guidelines for First Aid
- January 16, 2006 – ECC Handbook for Healthcare Providers (product announcement previously released)
- February 15, 2006 – BLS Healthcare Provider materials
- Second quarter 2006 (by June 30) – Heartsaver and Family & Friends materials
- Third quarter 2006 (by September 30) – ACLS materials
- Fourth quarter 2006 (by December 31) – PALS materials

The BLS Healthcare Provider materials include BLS HCP Instructor's Package, Instructor's manual, HCP student manual, HCP video (VHS format), HCP video (DVD format), HCP renewal video (VHS format) and HCP poster pack. For more specific information on these BLS Healthcare Provider materials and the 2005 Guidelines for First Aid, please see the attached product announcements and product grid.

SAVE THE DATE – ECCU 2006 INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION

Mark your calendars! 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. The soon-to-be released new CPR and ECC guidelines makes ECCU 2006 more important than ever!

VISIT OUR WEBSITES FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE ECC INFORMATION

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.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION MANUAL – UPDATES

Anytime that there is an update to the Program Administration Manual it will be updated on our website at the link provided below. So please check this periodically so you are utilizing the most up-to-date info.

<http://americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=3011793>

ACLS, BLS, PALS, AND HEARTSAVER 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 for upcoming provider and instructor courses at your TC or Site, with the Service Center.