

Memo

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ATTENTION COORDINATORS

Please forward this information to your ITs, Instructors, other discipline coordinators, other TC administrative personnel and your training sites.

SUBJECT: ECC MONTHLY UPDATE MEMO

FYI – The report from the United Health Foundation was released recently. This report contains state-by-state analyses of health status. This data can be accessed from the following website: <http://www.unitedhealthfoundation.org/shr2003/>

Supplemental Oxygen Use by Lay Rescuers Statement

The Supplemental Oxygen Statement is now posted to the AHA website. Please refer to it as necessary to answer inquiries about supplemental oxygen use during resuscitation. <http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=3017619>

Great News!

A government grant site is an excellent place to start if you're looking for a grant for AED placements or community courses. It is also a great resource for ideas for other grants from other sources. This link should get you started <http://www.grants.gov/>

ACLS PROVIDER MANUAL CHANGES

From: Michelle Rubin, PA Regional Manager
Topic: Updated ACLS Provider Manual

As many of you may have noticed the ACLS Provider Manual has been updated. Attached is a list of critical changes so that you may review the differences from previous versions. As scientific information becomes available we strive to update our materials to make them as current as possible. If you have a stock of provider manuals you may use them until you run out. Any books purchased from the vendors will have the updated information.

If you have any questions you may contact me or John Kays, our ACLS National Faculty. Thank you.



ACLS Summary of
Updates 10-03 .pdf

Go **RED!**

In February, **American Heart Month**, the American Heart Association will launch a new campaign that will serve as a critical step toward raising women's awareness that heart disease is their number-one cause of death...not breast cancer, as is commonly thought. Through this campaign, our goal will be to empower women with the knowledge and tools they need to make positive lifestyle changes that will help reduce their risk of heart disease.

New American Heart Association Women's Web Site - Scheduled to go live on January 1, 2004. The **Go Red for Women** site will include a variety of interactive features as well as helpful online tools for improving heart health. Other features will include e-cards for holidays and special occasions, webinars/online conferences for women led by cardiologist, dieticians, fitness experts, etc., and information on special corporate-sponsored programs.

The Red Dress Pin - The American Heart Association has created a red dress pin that will serve as the symbol of the overall campaign. In addition, Swarovski has developed a crystal red dress pin that will be sold in Swarovski stores; a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Swarovski pin will be donated to the American Heart Association.

National Wear Red Day - Scheduled for February 6, 2004. To help raise awareness and show support for women and heart disease, people across the country will be urged to wear red. National and local TV anchors also will be encouraged to wear red (and the AHA red dress pin!) to show their support for the issue.

TC Coordinator: Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What video do I use to teach the combo courses???

A: For *HS CPR w/AED*, use the video from the *Heartsaver Tool Kit* along the *AED* video section from the *Healthcare Provider Tool Kit*. For *HS AED w/Pediatric CPR*, use the video from the *Heartsaver AED Tool Kit* and the pediatric video from the *Heartsaver CPR Tool Kit*.

!!! REMINDERS !!!

- ♥ **ACTIVITY REPORTS** - The mid year activity report is due January 15, 2004. As soon as the Service Center receives the final activity report form we will forward it on.
- ♥ **INSTRUCTOR CORNER** - Go to the Instructor Information page on the Internet (<http://216.185.112.41/instructor.html>) to access all national training bulletins and memos. Training Bulletins are additions to the *Program Administration Manual* and should be inserted into the appropriate place in your manual.
- ♥ **Is your TC listed on the AHA Website?** This is a great tool to promote your training and it's FREE! Contact the Service Center for a Website Marketing Agreement.
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ACLS EP COURSE

EPA Delaware Region - The EPA-DE Regional ECC Committee is sponsoring an ACLS-EP Provider/Instructor course to jumpstart the program in the Region. Formal invitations will be sent to the TC Coordinators in the near future. The program will be held at the Crozer-Chester Medical Center on January 31 & February 1. If you are an ACLS Instructor with critical care experience, contact your TC Coordinator for more details. If you are an ACLS-EP Instructor that needs to be monitored, please contact the EC Service Center for more details.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



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Frontier Airlines First Airline to Implement Use of PEDS AED

Holiday Greetings

We want to thank you for your continuous efforts to help move the American Heart Association forward with our mission to reduce disability and death from cardiac and respiratory emergencies and stroke by improving the Chain of Survival in every community! We wish you the very best today and always!

Happy Holidays from the ECC Staff!
Michelle Sally Chris

In lieu of the holidays, the Service Center will be closed:
December 23, 24, 25, 26, 31 and January 1.