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March 1, 2006

MEMORANDUM FOR MILITARY TRAINING NETWORK PROGRAM DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: 2005 American Heart Association (AHA) Guidelines for CPR and Emergency Cardiovascular Care

1. Please review and share the American Heart Association's [AHA Core Instructor Course, Dec 20, 2005](#) and [2006 Training Requirements for New Science and Materials, December 20, 2005](#) Training Memos with all instructors. The Military Training Network sites adhere to the AHA guidance with the following additions/exceptions:

a. AHA Core Instructor Course. Instructors are not required to purchase an individual instructor manual. Each training site must obtain a sufficient amount of instructor materials to support classroom activities. Once the products are released the MTN will determine how best to have all existing instructors complete the Core Instructor Course by June 2007.

b. 2006 Training Requirements for New Science and Materials

(1). All instructors are **not** required to complete the Science Updates by June 1, 2006. Instructors must complete a science and product update in order to teach courses based on the 2005 Guidelines. Sites must upgrade and teach courses based on the 2005 guidelines by July 1, 2006 or earlier.

(2). Training sites will use the AHA Core Instructor Course to train all new instructors effective July 1, 2006 not June 1, 2006 as stated.

2. Guidelines Rollout.

a. In support of this the MTN will deliver a comprehensive update to DoD training programs through a series of one-day seminars hosted at selected military installations between March and June 2006. All MTN appointed BLS Program Directors (or an approved alternate) **must attend one seminar**. ACLS and PALS Program Directors are strongly encouraged to attend. The seminar dates and locations are as follows:

15 Mar – National Naval Medical Center Bethesda, MD

28 Mar – Naval Medical Center Balboa, San Diego CA

31 Mar – Naval Hospital Yokosuka, Japan

3 Apr – Tripler Army Medical Center, HI

6 Apr – Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma WA

2 & 3 May – Army Medical Department Center and School, Ft Sam Houston, TX

16 May – Naval Hospital Great Lakes, IL

22 May – Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany

31 May – Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, VA

20 Jun – Naval Hospital Jacksonville, FL

26 Jun – MTN Symposium following ECCU, FL (must register for ECCU & symposium)
<http://www.citizencpr.com/eccu-2006.html>

b. Program Directors must pre-register with their respective MTN program manager to reserve a space in this update training. Central funding is not available. Participants must make their own transportation and lodging arrangements. MTN Program managers have information regarding Naval Hospital Yokosuka transportation and lodging.

3. Personnel currently certified in a resuscitative medicine program are not required to retake a course but will be trained in accordance with the new guidelines through attrition/expiration. The MTN however highly recommends the use of “in-service” training to ensure familiarization with the current standards.

4. Program directors must complete and forward the attached Update Verification form once their training site is capable of conducting training IAW the new Guidelines. Verification of update is required in order to re-affiliate for FY 2007.

5. Program directors should contact their respective MTN program manager or national faculty should they have any questions.


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2005 AHA CPR & ECC Guidelines Update

Upon completion of the below items, this form must be completed, signed by the Program Director and sent to the Military Training Network in order to verify 2005 AHA CPR & ECC Guidelines requirements.

- Program Director or designated representative attended an update:

Location: _____ Date: _____

- Instructor update material (Currents Winter 2005, program appropriate science videos, AED trainer protocols, Core Instructor Course PowerPoint, CPR Skills evaluation video) is on hand.
- Teaching material (BLS – appropriate manuals; ACLS/PALS – manuals or bridging material; Core Instructor Course) is on hand.
- A sufficient number of instructors have been updated to allow for teaching IAW the 2005 Guidelines after 1 July 2006.
- Instructors' records have been annotated documenting receipt of the update.

I verify accomplishment of the above items and that my respective AHA training program currently conforms to the 2005 AHA CPR & ECC Guidelines.

Program Director signature

Printed name

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (M&RA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (M&RA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (M&RA)

SUBJECT: Support of the 2005 American Heart Association Guidelines for
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care

Reference: Department of Defense Directive 6000.12, Health Services Operations and
Readiness

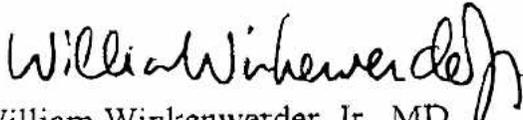
In December 2005 the American Heart Association (AHA) published updated 2005 Guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC). These evidence-based treatment guidelines define practice standards and form the basis of health care professional and community lay responder training programs. Associated training programs include CPR or Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), and Pediatrics Advanced Life Support (PALS). The new CPR and ECC guidelines necessitate a major upgrade to existing curricula, teaching materials, and methods.

The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences' Military Training Network (MTN) will deliver a comprehensive update to Department of Defense training programs through a series of one-day seminars hosted at selected military installations from March to June. All MTN appointed BLS Program Directors (or an MTN approved alternate) *must attend one seminar*. ACLS and PALS Program Directors are strongly encouraged to attend.

MTN affiliated Program Directors will be contacted directly by the MTN and provided with registration information and read-ahead materials. More information about seminars, locations and dates is available at the MTN website www.usuhs.mil/mtn or by calling DSN 295-0964.

Seminar attendees will be responsible for updating their command training program(s) and BLS, ACLS, and PALS instructors. Seminar attendees will also provide updates and upgrade training to other MTN affiliated training sites as needed. Effective July 1, 2006, all MTN sponsored CPR, BLS, ACLS, and PALS courses must include the new CPR and ECC guidelines.

I request immediate implementation of this guidance. My point of contact on this issue is Colonel Gary Matteson, Program Director, GME and Quality, Clinical and Program Policy, who can be reached at (703) 681-1703.


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