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MEMORANDUM FOR MILITARY TRAINING NETWORK AFFILIATE FACULTY

SUBJECT: Computer Based Training (CBT) Learning Systems

The Military Training Network is aware of several websites that offer online Basic Life Support (BLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) “refresher” training. At present, there are **no** online sources of BLS, PALS, or ACLS training recognized by the MTN or American Heart Association (AHA). The online sources are not approved training alternatives because they do not contain the psychomotor skills components of the AHA curriculum. Some of the websites issue certificates of training or wallet cards. MTN Training Sites are prohibited from accepting these documents as proof of course completion in order to issue a MTN/AHA wallet card.

Several equipment manufactures have released computer/manikin systems designed for independent self-paced BLS, PALS, and or ACLS training. Only the HeartCode™ system by Laerdal is approved by the MTN and AHA for BLS/ACLS course renewal (MTN Administrative Handbook, April 2003, page 18). Please contact the MTN if your facility is interested in purchasing HeartCode™ or any other computer based training system.

The MTN has made the AHA very aware of the military’s need for online renewal training to save precious clinical time. During our MTN-AHA workshop in July the AHA announced they are completing work with software developers on products for BLS, PALS, and ACLS. Release is tentatively scheduled CY04 or perhaps later this year. Unfortunately, we do not have specific program details at this time. We anticipate the courses to consist of a computer-based didactic portion followed by a brief psychomotor skills evaluation session.

The MTN will provide you with more information about new BLS, PALS, ACLS renewal programs when it becomes available. If you have any questions please contact the appropriate MTN Program Manager <http://www.usuhs.mil/mtn/staff.htm> or myself at DSN 295-0964 or commercial (301) 295-0964.

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