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ROLLOUT!!! 2005 Guidelines for CPR and ECC

In December 2005, the American Heart Association (AHA) published updated 2005 Guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC). The AHA directed and the MTN supports that all CPR, ACLS and PALS courses be based on the new resuscitation guidelines by July 1, 2006 or sooner. Non-updated instructors will **not** be authorized to teach after 1 July. In support of this directive 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 symposium)

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. (Cont on page 2).

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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.

Updated BLS training material is currently available. The AHA predicts that ACLS teaching material will be available from vendors by late Summer 2006 and Fall 2006 for PALS. Until then, ACLS and PALS training programs will utilize bridge material to conduct

courses consistent with the 2005 Guidelines while using 2000 Guidelines teaching material. These bridge materials will be distributed at MTN rollout sessions and posted on our website.

To communicate the highlights of the new *Guidelines*, AHA has developed tailored Webcasts for our instructors and practitioners in the hospital, EMS and corporate/community settings. To review, access MTN's website at: <http://www.usuhs.mil/mtn> and click BLS under Site Links tab. This will migrate you to the American Heart Association. Click CPR & ECC and select 2005 guidelines.

From Our Senior Executive Director

This is an exciting time for the Military Training Network as we begin rolling out the 2005 Guidelines and continue preparing for the symposium in June. The significant changes to BLS and the instructor course will greatly enhance quality in the provision of resuscitative medicine and its training. Planning for the ECCU and MTN Symposium is progressing well with a host of excellent lecturers scheduled to attend. All commanders are highly encouraged to support their program director's attendance at a MTN Rollout Seminar and the symposium. The challenge is yours – to learn the new AHA guidelines, to maintain patient safety and communicate to a readiness response.

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National Faculty News

A recent change to the MTN National Faculty is that LTC Creamer has departed and was replaced by LTC Mike Mulreany, MC, as the Army PALS National Faculty member. LTC Mulreany is currently serving as the Chief of Pediatric Cardiology, Tripler Army Medical Center. He can be reached by phone at (808) 433-6222 or email: michael.mulreany@us.army.mil

MTN Staff News

We bid congratulations and farewell to SSG Andre Chance, Army & Air Force BLS Program Manager, who was recently commissioned and has departed for his new role in the Army. We welcome TSgt Truyan Tran from Travis AFB who succeeds now 2LT Chance.

Administrative Handbook

The MTN published an updated Administrative Handbook in October 2005. Changes included elimination of the Self Assessment Review checklist and replacement of the current 72 item Administrative Review checklist with a 58 item checklist. Administrative procedures for e-learning accountability were also addressed. Be sure to check our website for the new version.

MTN Website

The MTN's website has changed therefore it is necessary for you to update the URL if you have it stored as a "Favorite".

ATLS

A second version of the *ATLS for Doctors, Student Course Manual* has been completed and will be used for courses starting in March. Two changes to the core content were made in Chapter 7, Spine and Spinal Cord Injury and Chapter 9, Injuries Due to Burns and Cold. Please ensure that your course directors, educators, instructors, and instructor candidates receive the updates. If you need a copy of the PDF files, please contact the MTN ATLS Program Manager at sboylan@usuhs.mil.

The Inaugural MTN Day Citizen CPR Foundation/Emergency Cardiovascular Care Update (CCPRF/ECCU) 2006 International Educational Conference

June 22 - 25, 2006 with an MTN day on Monday the 26th.

Mark your calendar to learn the latest information about the 2005 CPR and ECC Guidelines and the science that shape the guidelines. The MTN highly recommends this conference for Training Site Program Directors and Administrators. Training Site Faculty, instructors and medical educators are highly encouraged to attend. Featured presenters are from the AHA, MTN National Faculty, Advanced Trauma Life Support Faculty and experts in military readiness training programs. Presentations focus on military clinical/administrative issues in medical resuscitative and trauma training, national organization initiatives and military medical readiness.

Conference and Symposium registration should begin in late February through the Citizen CPR's website: (www.citizencpr.org).

Government rate rooms can now be reserved through the Citizen CPR website or directly to the hotel's reservation website. <http://www.register123.com/event/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x169842816d> The MTN recommends reserving your room early due to the limited number of government rate rooms available.