

RE: New 2006 Mandatory ACLS Changes

To Whom It May Concern:

Effective December 1, 2006, in accordance with the new American Heart Association guidelines all Advanced Cardiac Life Support participants **MUST** obtain and bring the following items with them to the ACLS course. Failure to bring **ANY** of these items will **PROHIBIT** the participant's entry into the ACLS course. All of these items **MUST** be presented/shown to the staff upon registration. There will be **NO** exceptions to any of these requirements.

- 1) An American Heart Association 2006 provider manual. This can be obtained from the Jefferson bookstore, library or any of the vendors listed on the JeffSTAT website. The website is:
www.jeffersonhospital.org/jeffstat
- 2) A certificate of completion from the ACLS pre-test, which can be found in the 2006 textbook on the CD. This pre-test is comprised of sixty (60) multiple choice questions related to ACLS pharmacology, rhythm interpretation, patient treatment scenarios and other ACLS-related material. The participant must obtain an 84% or higher score to be eligible to receive the certificate of successful completion. Once you have passed the pre-test you **must** print your certificate and bring it with you to the ACLS course. This certificate must be presented upon registration to gain entry into the program.
- 3) Each participant must bring a completed, signed, and dated AHA ACLS "PRECOURSE PREPERATION CHECKLIST". This too can be found in your 2006 ACLS textbook and must be presented upon registration.

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- 4) You **MUST** submit your original, or a copy of your original, BCLS (CPR) certification at the Healthcare Provider Level. This certification **MUST** be current!
- 5) If you are taking ACLS to renew your certification then you **MUST** present your original, or a copy of your original, **CURRENT** ACLS-Provider card!

Once again, failure to abide by **ANY** of the above mandates will prohibit your entry into an ACLS course.

Please be sure to post or relay this information to all of your staff. Each department **is** permitted to purchase their own textbooks and “loan” them out to their employees in preparation for the ACLS course. If your department chooses to purchase or “library” your own textbooks we suggest that you make these books readily available to the staff who will be taking ACLS as far in advance as possible to permit adequate study time.

Should you have any questions or if I may assist you in any way possible, please, feel free to contact me. My office number is below. All of our course information and the registration process should be done on our website by the individual who is taking the class. You may also download additional study material from this website.

Please remember that if an employee registers for a course and does not show up for the course (CPR, ACLS, PALS, EKG...) then that employee’s department will be billed, in full, for the cost of the course unless they call (215) 955-7534 and cancel with at least twenty-four (24) hours notice. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this important matter.