

RE: New 2006 Mandatory Pediatric Advanced Life Support Course Changes

Attention: All Nurse Managers, Nurse Educators, Clinical Nurse Specialists, Attending Physicians, Fellows, Residents, Medical Students, Resident Program Coordinators, All JUP Staff, Charge and Staff Nurses on **ALL** units and “other” related personnel

Effective April 1, 2007, in accordance with the new **American Heart Association Guidelines**, **ALL** Pediatric Advanced Life Support course participants **MUST** obtain and bring the following items with them to the PALS Course, as of April 1, 2007. Failure to bring **ANY** of these items will **PROHIBIT** the participants entry into the PALS course. There will be **NO** exceptions to any of these requirements.

- 1.) Each participant **MUST** have an American Heart Association 2006 Provider Manual, which is accompanied by the Course Guide. These two manuals come together as a package. These manuals can be obtained at the Jefferson Bookstore, Scott Library, or any of the vendors listed on the JeffSTAT web site. The web address is: www.jeffersonhospital.org/jeffstat
- 2.) Each participant **MUST** bring with them a **PRINTED** copy, or the original, three page certificate of completion from the PALS pre-test, which can be found on the CD located in the 2006 PALS Textbook. The pre-test is composed of 60 questions and you are encouraged to take this test as many times as possible to utilize it as a learning tool. This pre-test (CD) may be used/taken as many times as necessary. You **MUST** obtain a score of 80% or better to be admitted into the PALS Course. Once you have started taking the pre-test you should complete the pre-test, it will NOT save!!! When you have completed the pre-test you will need to print it, so be sure you have a printer, and you **MUST** bring this print out of your score with you to the PALS course!!!
- 3.) **EVERY** participant is **REQUIRED** to bring with them either their original or a copy of their **CURRENT** BCLS (CPR) card with them. This certification will be a universally recognized program, such as the American Heart Association or The American Red Cross and the certificate should indicate that you have been trained to the “Healthcare Provider” level. This certification **MUST** be **CURRENT** and you **MUST** bring it with you on the first day of the PALS course!!! Failure to bring a **CURRENT** CPR card will prohibit your entry into the PALS course!!! JeffSTAT offers BCLS (CPR) courses up to four times/week, including weekends.

4.) If you are recertifying in PALS then you **MUST** bring a **CURRENT**, or a copy of your **CURRENT**, PALS Certification with you. Failure to produce a valid PALS card will place you into the two-day course and you will be responsible for any difference in the course costs.

5) **EVERY** participant must bring a completed, signed, and dated AHA PALS “**PRECOURSE PREPERATION CHECKLIST**”. This checklist can be located in your 2006 PALS textbook – Course Guide. The Course Guide and Student Manual come together as a package. You do **NOT** have to purchase them separately!

PLEASE have all of the above listed documents ready as you approach the registration table. We will also have to visualize and document that you have a **CURRENT** PALS textbook and Course Guide with you, so please have your textbooks available for us to view at the registration table.

Once again, failure to abide by **ANY** of the above referenced mandates **WILL PROHIBIT** your entry into the PALS course. These mandates are per the American Heart Association.

Please be sure to post and relay this information to all of your staff. Each department **IS** permitted to purchase their own textbooks and “loan” them out to employees in preparation for the PALS course. If your department chooses to “library” your own textbooks we suggest that you make these textbooks available to the staff well in advance of the course so they may have time to study and complete all of the course pre-requisites, including the pre-test. Also, if your department will be “librarying” the textbooks you will be responsible for replacing copies of the **MANDATORY** AHA “**PRECOURSE PREPERATION CHECKLISTS**”. These can be picked up/purchased in the Information Services (IS) Department across from the pharmacy in the Gibbon Building.

Please remember that if any employee registers for a course and fails to show or call to cancel for a course (ACLS, PALS, EKG...) within twenty-four (24) hours from the time the course is to begin than the department in which the employee works will be billed, via “IDC”. To cancel a course within twenty-four hours the participant may call JeffSTAT at (215) 955-7534 {press # 1 for Denise Pettigrew, Administrative Assistant} and tell her what the course title, date, and time you are cancelling is for. Thank you so very much for your continued support and cooperation during this period of change. If any manager or physician has further questions, please, feel free to contact me.