



2020 Interim Training: PEARS® Exam Changes

Purpose

These instructions will help you as a PEARS Instructor to update current (2015 Guidelines) PEARS exams with science from the *2020 American Heart Association Guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care*.

The PALS interim training materials may be used from October 21, 2020, until you begin teaching the new 2020 PALS course with the new materials. You must complete the 2020 PALS Instructor Update online course and begin using the 2020 PALS course materials by February 1, 2021.

Exam Changes

Note: This is the only time it is permissible to alter AHA exams. After printing the exam, before administering a 2015-science PEARS exam, please make the following changes on the exam to support the 2020 science updates:

Question Number	Required Change	2020 Science
A32/B28	<p>Change answer choices to</p> <p>Version A</p> <p>A. 8 to10/min B. 20 to 30/min C. 24 to 30/min D. At least 40/min (Correct answer remains B.)</p> <p>Version B</p> <p>A. 24 to 30/min B. At least 40/min C. 8 to10/min D. 20 to 30/min (Correct answer remains D.)</p>	<p>For infants and children with a pulse, provide 1 breath every 2 to 3 seconds (20-30 breaths per minute).</p>