

Training Memo:

2020 AHA Guidelines ACLS Provider ILT Course



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| Purpose | To provide direction and information on updates to the 2020 AHA Guidelines Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) Provider Instructor-Led Training (ILT) Course and training options for providers who need to complete ACLS training. |
| General Information | The ACLS Provider Course has been updated to reflect new science and training recommendations in the 2020 AHA Guidelines for CPR and ECC. The AHA has developed new ACLS Provider Course materials that will aid in providing quality and consistency in all ACLS courses. |
| Course Information for Training Centers and Instructors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective February 1, 2021, only 2020 AHA Guidelines ACLS Provider Course materials can be used for conducting all ACLS Provider Courses. • ACLS Training Centers and Instructors may continue to use previous stock of 2015 Guidelines version ACLS materials and all ACLS Interim Training Materials posted on the AHA Instructor Network through January 31, 2021. • The ACLS Provider Course can be taught by current ACLS Instructors. Instructors must complete the 2020 AHA Guidelines Instructor Update Course for ACLS before teaching new courses using new materials. 2020 AHA Guidelines Instructor Updates are available through the AHA Instructor Network (login required). • The ACLS Provider Course continues to have a mandatory Precourse Self-Assessment (PSA) that all providers must complete before their class. Refer to the ACLS Instructor Manual for details. • The new ACLS Provider Course includes “Precourse Work” that providers must complete before their class. In addition to the PSA, students will complete interactive video lessons (Precourse Work) before the course so that Instructors can focus on hands-on skills in person. Precourse Work will allow students to be more prepared before they enter the classroom. Precourse Work also shortens class agenda. A traditional “PSA only” option still can be used, but will result in a longer class agenda. • Appropriate course completion cards must be issued for the course materials being used. If 2015 Guidelines version ACLS materials are used, a 2015 ACLS Provider eCard must be issued. If the new 2020 ACLS materials are used, a 2020 ACLS Provider eCard must be issued. • ACLS Instructors are strongly encouraged to complete the ACLS Product and Course Orientation (P&CO) available through the AHA Instructor Network (login required). The ACLS P&CO was created to aid ACLS Instructors in understanding the new course design and teaching strategies. • All ACLS Instructors must have a current copy of the ACLS Instructor Manual for the course being taught. |