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MEMORANDUM FOR MILITARY TRAINING NETWORK AFFILIATE FACULTY, PROGRAM DIRECTORS AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS

SUBJECT: Basic Life Support (BLS) Program Updates

1. The Military Training Network (MTN) and the American Heart Association (AHA) have implemented the following changes to the Basic Life Support (BLS) Program.

a. New Heartsaver AED (HS-AED) curriculum and materials.

(1) The MTN advises Training Sites to order the new HS-AED teaching materials immediately. Training Sites must implement new training guidelines by April 30, 2004. The Instructor Toolkits and Student Textbooks are available for purchase from our vendors: Channing-Bete, Laerdal, and World Point <http://www.usuhs.mil/mtn/links.htm>.

(2) BLS and HS Instructors are required to participate in a web-based update program prior to renewing their instructor status. Please see the AHA's December 10, 2003 National ECC Training Memo "Revised Heartsaver AED curriculum and materials" http://www.usuhs.mil/mtn/pdf/AHA_HS_AED_Memo_1203.pdf.

(3) Along with the new teaching materials there are new HS-AED examinations. The MTN will distribute the new examinations via a new BLS program CD-ROM following processing of your semi-annual report in April. Continue to use your existing materials until you receive the new disk.

b. Revised MTN Heartsaver AED card preparation guidelines.

(1) The MTN will update the HS-AED card to include the modules thus allowing the Training Site to simply mark out the modules that are not taught. However, current format cards will be issued until the existing stock is depleted.

(2) See the new guidance on page 90 of the MTN Administrative Handbook regarding HS-AED card preparation. In overview, type the following on the front of the card above the student's name:

(a) "Adult only" for courses limited to Adult CPR with AED.

(b) "With child CPR/AED" for courses that include Adult CPR with AED and Child CPR with AED modules.

(c) No change is required for courses that include Adult CPR with AED, Child CPR with AED, and Infant CPR modules.

c. Revised MTN Heartsaver CPR (HS-CPR) card preparation guidelines.

(1) The MTN will update the HS-CPR card to include the modules allowing the TS to simply mark out the modules that are not taught. However, current format cards will be issued until the existing stock is depleted.

(2) See the new guidance on page 90 of the MTN Administrative Handbook regarding HS-CPR card preparation. In overview, type the following on the front of the card above the student's name:

(a) "Adult only" for courses limited to Adult CPR.

(b) "With AED" for courses that include Adult CPR with AED.

d. Release of new Healthcare Provider (BLS-HCP) examination materials. The AHA has released new (January 2004) versions of the BLS-HCP examinations. The MTN will distribute the new examinations via a new BLS program CD-ROM following processing of your semi-annual report in April. Training Sites must implement the new examination immediately upon receipt.

e. Release of BLS Instructor examination materials. The AHA released new BLS Instructor examinations in August 2003. These materials were included on the March 2004 BLS Program disk. However, the obsolete Heartsaver Instructor examinations were inadvertently not deleted from the CD-ROM. Please note the August 2003 BLS Instructor exam must be used in conjunction with Heartsaver Instructor, BLS Instructor and BLS Instructor-Trainer courses. Please review the MTN Memo, August 11, 2003 [http://www.usuhs.mil/mtn/pdf/MTN Memo BLS Course Exam Aug 11 03.pdf](http://www.usuhs.mil/mtn/pdf/MTN_Memo_BLS_Course_Exam_Aug_11_03.pdf) and AHA's, June 30, 2003 National ECC Training Memo [http://www.usuhs.mil/mtn/pdf/ECC Training Memo 6-30-03 BLS INSTRUCTOR COURSE EXAMINATION.pdf](http://www.usuhs.mil/mtn/pdf/ECC_Training_Memo_6-30-03_BLS_INSTRUCTOR_COURSE_EXAMINATION.pdf).

2. MTN Administrative Handbook updates. MTN Administrative Handbook has been updated in many sections to incorporate the above guidance. The most current version (second edition, March 3, 2004 update) is available on the MTN website at [http://www.usuhs.mil/mtn/handbook/MTN Handbook 2Ed 3 Mar 04 update.doc](http://www.usuhs.mil/mtn/handbook/MTN_Handbook_2Ed_3_Mar_04_update.doc). For those individuals who maintain a printed copy please see the Handbook Summary of Changes page [http://www.usuhs.mil/mtn/handbook/Summary of Changes Mar 2004.pdf](http://www.usuhs.mil/mtn/handbook/Summary_of_Changes_Mar_2004.pdf).

3. The MTN is committed to providing you with current and accurate BLS information. If you have any questions please contact the appropriate MTN Program Manager:

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