

# Training Memo: Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Provider and Update Courses



## CPR & Emergency Cardiovascular Care

<b>Date of Release</b>	October 6, 2016
<b>Purpose</b>	To provide direction and information on the new Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Provider Course (initial and update courses)
<b>General Information</b>	The PALS Provider Course has been updated to reflect new science in the <i>2015 American Heart Association (AHA) Guidelines Update for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC)</i> . The AHA has developed new PALS Course materials that will aid in providing quality and consistency in all PALS courses.
<b>Course Information for Training Centers and Instructors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Effective December 6, 2016, only new course materials can be used for conducting all PALS courses.</li><li>• The PALS Provider Course can be taught by current PALS Instructors. Instructors must complete the 2015 Guidelines Science Instructor Update Course available on the Instructor Network or attend an AHA-conducted 2015 Guidelines Science Instructor Update before teaching new course materials.</li><li>• Training Centers and instructors may continue to use previous stock and all interim materials posted on the Instructor Network through December 5, 2016.</li><li>• Appropriate course completion cards must be issued for the course materials being used. If the old PALS materials are used, the old card must be issued. If the new PALS materials are used, the new card must be issued.</li><li>• The new PALS Course has a mandatory Precourse Self-Assessment with a mandatory passing score. Refer to the <i>PALS Instructor Manual</i> for details.</li><li>• All PALS Instructors must have a current copy of the <i>PALS Instructor Manual</i>, per the <i>Program Administration Manual</i>.</li></ul>