

Training Memo: Pediatric Emergency Assessment, Stabilization, and Recognition (PEARS®) Provider Course



CPR & Emergency Cardiovascular Care

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Purpose	To provide direction and information on the new Pediatric Emergency Assessment, Recognition, and Stabilization (PEARS) Provider Course
General Information	The PEARS 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 PEARS Course materials that will aid in providing quality and consistency in all PEARS Courses.
Course Information for Training Centers and Instructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Effective October 30, 2017, only new course materials can be used for conducting all PEARS Courses.• The PEARS Provider Course can be taught by current Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) or PEARS Instructors. Instructors must complete the 2015 Guidelines Science Update for PEARS course (available on the AHA Instructor Network) or have attended an AHA-conducted 2015 Guidelines Science Instructor Update before teaching the new course materials.• PALS Training Centers and PALS and PEARS Instructors may continue to use previous stock through October 29, 2017.• Appropriate course completion cards must be issued for the course materials being used. If 2010 Guidelines PEARS materials are used, the 2010 Guidelines PEARS Provider card must be issued. If the new PEARS materials are used, the new card must be issued.• All PALS and PEARS Instructors must have a current copy of the PEARS Instructor Manual (print or eBook), per the AHA Program Administration Manual (PAM). Instructors must also have the 2015 Guidelines PEARS Course DVD to conduct PEARS training.