

♥ SR AHEC TC Website ♥

For the latest memos, update information, or to download forms such as rosters, instructor checkoff/monitoring forms and pretests, please visit our website at:

http://www.southernregionalahec.org/continuing_ed/aha.htm

Currents In preparation for ECC Guidelines, the Service Center encourages everyone in the training network to subscribe to *Currents*. This quarterly newsletter allows our volunteers to stay informed about international developments in emergency healthcare services. The new science will be published in the Winter edition of *Currents*, which will be available online on December 13. To subscribe, please visit www.americanheart.org/cpr and when the home page opens click on "Subscribe" located in the right hand bottom corner of the screen. The Fall 2005 issue is available now.

♥ GUIDELINES 2005 UPDATE

Based on the international consensus and input from leaders in many professional healthcare organizations, the AHA ECC will develop the *2005 American Heart Association Guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care*. The Guidelines will be published in December 2005, and will be used as the foundation for creating updated training materials, which will be released throughout 2006. The timeline is as follows:

December 2005

♥ The American Heart Association will publish the *2005 American Heart Association Guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care*. This document first will be published in the journal *Circulation*, then will be available as a reprint through the AHA distributors.

♥ The winter issue of *Currents* will feature a summary of key changes to the ECC Guidelines. This issue of *Currents*, as well as all other issues, are/will be available free of charge on the AHA Web site at www.americanheart.org/cpr.

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♥ Interim guidance on how to integrate changes in resuscitation science into specific, current ECC course materials will be provided to Instructors and Training Centers. This will ensure that current training materials can be utilized prior to the release of new training materials in 2006, enabling you to continue to meet the needs of your customers.

♥ The AHA *Handbook of Emergency Care for Healthcare Providers* will be released.

January – June 2006

♥ All Basic Life Support (BLS) course materials, including *Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers*, all Heartsaver® (including Heartsaver® First Aid), and Family & Friends community materials will be released. This will include

instructor and student materials, exams, and all other auxiliary materials.

July – September 2006

♥ All Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) course materials will be released. This will include instructor and student materials, exams, and all other auxiliary materials.

October – December 2006

♥ All Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) course materials will be released. This will include instructor and student materials, exams, and all other auxiliary materials. As the release of the 2005 Guidelines and new materials draws near, we will work diligently to keep you informed about any changes or updates to the above timeline. In the meantime, please feel free to contact your ECC Service Center with any questions.

The recommendations in the 2005 AHA Guidelines for ECC and CPR (to be published in December 2005) will confirm the safety and effectiveness of many existing approaches, acknowledge that some may not be optimal, and introduce new treatments that have undergone intensive evaluation. These new recommendations do not imply that care involving the use of earlier guidelines is either unsafe or ineffective, including the use of AEDs that are designed to conform to those earlier guidelines. For this reason the AHA encourages implementation of (and training for) life-saving medical emergency response plans (including AED programs) to continue without interruption or consideration of the pending publication of the 2005 AHA Guidelines and the associated training materials.

We appreciate your commitment to providing lifesaving ECC training. Stay tuned!

♥ COURSE COMPLETION CARDS ♥

As the current stock of course completion cards is depleted, and the cards go into reprint, a change will be implemented. Due to problems in the past with the printed information wearing off of the laminated cards, the lamination will be removed off of future batches of cards. You can still continue to use the old laminated cards, but we wanted you to be aware of this change, before you placed and received your next order of cards.

♥ Heartsaver First Aid Instructor Rollout January 19, 2006

For BLS Instructors who missed getting the information to teach the Heartsaver First Aid Course, we will have another rollout on January 19 from 1-5 pm. You must be a **current** BLS Instructor and from a healthcare discipline background to be "grandfathered" in to take the instructor course without first completing the HS FA provider course. The fee for the rollout is \$15. Instructors must pre-register with SR AHEC, and purchase their own HS FA /CPR/AED Provider manual and instructor manual and bring these to the class. Provider and Instructor manuals will NOT be available on site for purchase. For more information please contact Andrea: Andrea.Novak@sr-ahec.org or 910-678-7216. To register please contact our registrar at 910-678-7226.

AHA INCLUDED IN AMERICA'S GREATEST BRANDS

The American Heart Association is included in the 2005 edition of *America's Greatest Brands*, a large-format book that recognizes the strongest and most trusted brand icons in the United States. Now in its fourth edition, *America's Greatest*

Brands covers the history, innovations and achievements associated with these brands. "It is an extraordinary achievement to be recognized among so many well-known and respected companies and organizations," said David Josserand, chair of communications and marketing coordinating committee. "The American Heart Association is working hard to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke. Having a strong brand is an important part of helping us carry out that mission." "The American Heart Association's brand and icon is seen as one of the most prominent consumer symbols," said Robert Manfredi manager, marketing communications of America's Greatest Brands. "With its core brand values of integrity, excellence, vision and dedication -the selection of The American Heart Association by our Council and the brands featured in the book is a great compliment from some of the leading marketing and communications professionals in the United States."

SAVE THE DATE –ECCU 2006 INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION

Mark your calendars! The next Emergency Cardiovascular Care Update (ECCU) is scheduled for June 22-25, 2006 at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando, FL. This conference is the only event of its kind, bringing together physicians, researchers, nurses, EMTs, paramedics and others involved in the instruction and practice of resuscitation. The soon-to-be released new CPR and ECC guidelines makes ECCU 2006 more important than ever!

The Citizens for CPR Foundations and ECCU are looking for abstracts and presenters in the following areas: science, public education, professional education, legislation, program implementation, and ethics. Deadline for abstract submission is 12:00 midnight CST on Monday October 3, 2005. A link to the submission site is posted at: www.citizencpr.org

For current instructor and course information please visit: www.americanheart.org/cpr

CALL FOR FACULTY

SR AHEC is recruiting Training Center Faculty (TCF) for ACLS, PALS and BLS. Criteria to become TCF include:

- Instructor status in good standing (current member of SRAHEC TC) in specialty
- Has been an instructor in that discipline for at least 2 years and has taught in at least 4 classes of that specialty
- Has served as course director in at least 1 course of that specialty
- Willing to volunteer their time to function in role of mentor and monitor
- Appointment to Faculty status is two years with renewal based on TC Coordinator review
- Faculty will be expected to assist with roll out of AHA information as made available

- Must teach in at least one Instructor course of that specialty area every two years plus meet standard instructor requirements for maintaining status. If you are interested in becoming TC Faculty. Please contact Andrea Novak for additional information and Faculty Orientation session date(s).