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MEMORANDUM FOR MILITARY TRAINING NETWORK (MTN) PROGRAM DIRECTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS (BLS, ACLS, PALS)

SUBJECT: AHA Product Release & MTN Implementation: *Evaluating Skills Performance* DVD Set

1. Purpose: This two-disc DVD set is an enrichment tool for AHA Instructors. It provides instruction on how to adequately evaluate CPR and AED, first aid and respiratory skills performance during skills testing. It includes four sections: Heartsaver, BLS for Healthcare Providers, ACLS, and PALS-PEARS. Each of the four sections offers an introduction, and then presents the "critical performance steps" chapter, demonstrating correct skills performance. Next, viewers are shown testing scenarios and use the appropriate skills testing checklist to test the students in these scenarios. After skills testing, errors are reviewed and correct skills testing is shown. These videos are a tool for training new instructors and improving the performance-evaluation skills of current instructors.

2. Current Instructors: The DVD is required viewing for Military Training Network BLS, ACLS, and PALS Program Directors and Training Site Faculty. MTN Training Sites (TS) should make it a mandatory review for all Instructors. BLS Instructors will review both the BLS for HCP and Heartsaver sections.

3. New Instructor Training: The DVD is required with New Instructor Training. Reference and follow the attached 9 Dec 2011 AHA Training Memo, *Evaluating Skills Performance* DVD, for guidance on using the new DVD with the current discipline-specific AHA instructor courses videos.

4. Distribution: MTN will provide each Training Site one DVD set. To facilitate delivery and distribution, the DVD set will be mailed to the respective MTN BLS Program Director at each TS. MTN ACLS and PALS Program Directors are required to coordinate with the BLS PD at their location to obtain a copy.

5. Additional sets may be purchased from AHA distributors for \$6.00/set: item number 90-1060. Training Sites may duplicate the DVDs for internal use; the DVD must be copied in whole and acknowledged as an AHA video. The Training Site may also put the DVD on its LMS; no permission is required.

6. Contact your respective MTN Program Manager at (301) 295-0964 for questions or additional information.

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Enclosures (2):

1. *Evaluating Skills Performance* DVD Set
2. AHA Training Memo, 9 Dec 2011, *Evaluating Skills Performance* DVD

Training Memo

Evaluating Skills Performance DVD

Original Release: December 9, 2011

Purpose This two-disc DVD set is an enrichment tool for AHA Instructors and Heartsaver® Skills Evaluators™. It provides instruction on how to adequately evaluate CPR and AED, first aid, and respiratory skills performance during skills testing by using the 2010 skills testing sheets. It includes four sections: Heartsaver, BLS for Healthcare Providers, ACLS, and PALS and PEARS®.

General Information These videos have been developed as a tool for Training Center Coordinators and Training Center Faculty to use for training new instructors and improving the performance-evaluation skills of current instructors.

- The AHA is providing each AHA Training Center with one free copy of the *Evaluating Skills Performance* DVD.
 - Additional copies can be purchased from AHA distributors.
 - Training Centers may also duplicate the DVDs for internal use.
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Current Instructors Training Centers should make these videos available to their current instructors and require instructors to review them. This will help to improve consistency between instructors and throughout the AHA training network.

New Instructor Training These videos are intended to enhance the 2008 BLS Instructor Training DVD and 2006 ACLS and PALS Instructor Training DVDs instead of replacing them. Until new discipline-specific instructor-training videos are released, please continue to use the current discipline-specific instructor videos to run AHA instructor courses. You will replace the BLS skills testing videos on the discipline-specific instructor course DVDs with the new *Evaluating Skills Performance* DVDs.

BLS Instructor Courses

For BLS Instructor Courses, show the BLS for Healthcare Providers video on the *Evaluating Skills Performance* DVD instead of the “CPR & AED Skills Testing” section of the 2008 BLS Instructor Training DVD. This step is shown

on Lesson Map BLS INSTRUCT 9 in the 2008 *Faculty Guide for BLS and Heartsaver Instructor Courses*. The “CPR & AED Skills Testing” section of the 2008 BLS Instructor Training DVD is 26 minutes long, and the BLS for Healthcare Providers section of the *Evaluating Skills Performance* DVD is 39 minutes.

ACLS Instructor Courses

For ACLS Instructor Courses, show the ACLS video on the *Evaluating Skills Performance* DVD instead of the “BLS Skills Testing” video on the ACLS Instructor DVD. This step is shown on Lesson Map ACLS INSTRUCT 11 in the 2006 *Faculty Guide for the ACLS Instructor Course*. Only 20 minutes is allotted in the ACLS Instructor Course for the “BLS Skills Testing” video; the ACLS video on the *Evaluating Skills Performance* DVD is 27 minutes.

PALS Instructor Courses

For PALS Instructor Courses, show the PALS and PEARS video on the *Evaluating Skills Performance* DVD instead of the “BLS Skills Testing” video on the PALS Instructor DVD. This step is shown on Lesson Map PALS INSTRUCT 12 in the 2006 *Faculty Guide for the PALS Instructor Course*. Only 20 minutes is allotted in the PALS Instructor Course for the “BLS Skills Testing” video; the PALS and PEARS video on the *Evaluating Skills Performance* DVD is 43 minutes.

Heartsaver Instructor Courses

For Heartsaver Instructor Courses, show the Heartsaver video on the *Evaluating Skills Performance* DVD instead of the “Skills Testing Methodology: CPR & AED Skills” and “Skills Testing Methodology: First Aid” sections of the 2008 BLS Instructor Training DVD. These steps are shown on Lesson Maps HS INSTRUCT 9 and HS INSTRUCT 10 in the 2008 *Faculty Guide for BLS and Heartsaver Instructor Courses*. These sections of the 2008 BLS Instructor Training DVD are a total of 23 minutes long, and the Heartsaver section of the *Evaluating Skills Performance* DVD is 34 minutes.