

Chapter News



New Course Advancements Previewed in San Antonio

Two exciting changes on the ITLS horizon will be introduced to the participants at the upcoming International Trauma Conference. The changes will move ITLS forward in its course management and administration.

CECBEMS Accreditation

ITLS plans to offer CECBEMS accreditation for all its courses starting in 2008.

ITLS has applied for organizational accreditation from the Continuing Education Coordinating Board for Emergency Medical Services (CECBEMS) and has shown its commitment to set and comply with high standards in providing learning opportunities for ITLS students and to continually evaluate and improve its programs. CECBEMS-approved courses meet national standards and are generally accepted nationally and by the National Registry of EMTs.

ITLS anticipates CECBEMS approval for its courses starting January 1, 2008. Chapters will be notified when the approval is secured.

Web-based Course Management System

ITLS will preview its new web-based course management system during the Chapter Coordinators and Medical Directors Workshop at the International Trauma Conference. The new system will streamline the existing manual course registration, card and certificate printing, and reporting procedures for course coordinators, chapters, and the International office. Some of the system's features will include:

- Search for courses by chapter or region available to any potential student who visits www.itrauma.org. Chapters will post their upcoming courses in advance.
- Secure site for chapters and course coordinators to update course information and report students' names, test scores and other valuable information to ITLS. Chapter coordinators will approve courses posted by coordinators in their chapters.
- Post and upload all course informa-

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6th Edition On Its Way

The 6th edition ITLS provider manual is in the final stages of production and will start to ship from the ITLS office starting on Friday, August 10. Orders for the 6th edition manual can be placed online now at www.itrauma.org or by calling 888.495.ITLS or 630.495.6442, ext. 200.

Instructor Guide and Slides

For the first time, the Instructor Guide and accompanying slides will not be published in hard copy. They will be posted on the Members Only section of the ITLS website and available only to ITLS chapter coordinators and medical directors.

As a significant benefit to chapters and course coordinators, the materials will be downloadable and free of charge. They will be posted by September 1.

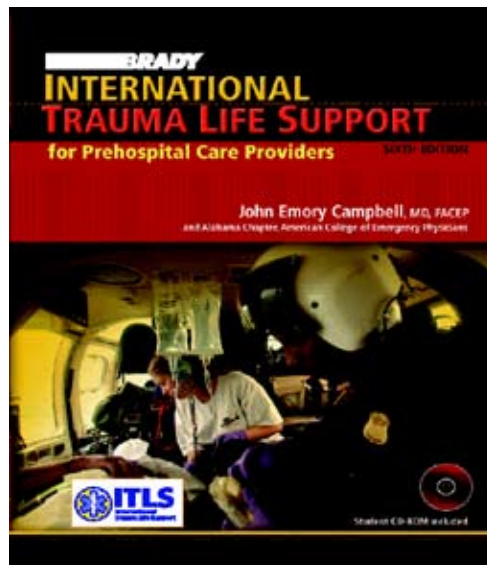
Chapters are responsible for sharing the IG and slides with approved course coordinators and medical directors. The International office will not release the materials to instructors where there is an ITLS chapter.

Tests

Tests will also be available in the Members Only section of the ITLS website by September 1.

6th Edition Highlights

The 6th edition refines and updates



the core principles that define the ITLS framework, including rapid assessment, resuscitation, stabilization, and transport of the trauma patient. The expanded edition conforms to the most recent AHA and ILCOR guidelines for ventilation and resuscitation.

Other new features of the 6th edition provider manual include:

- New flow sheets
- New and expanded appendices, including Tactical EMS
- Updated photos and art throughout the text
- Student CD-ROM packaged with the text includes review questions, games, animations, and more

An order form for the 6th edition book may be found on page 7 of this newsletter and is posted online at the ITLS Bookstore.

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- tion (rosters and payments) to the International office.
- Print course documentation including course certificates and cards.
- Submit course information to the CECBEMS Accreditation Management System.

ITLS chapters will implement the new system as of January 1, 2008 and are encouraged to attend the workshop and learn more about these exciting developments.

To compensate for increased costs to administer the electronic course management system and implement CECBEMS accreditation, ITLS will increase its student fee to \$10 USD per student per course for courses beginning on January 1, 2008. Prior to this increase, ITLS had not raised course fees in five years.

Delegate Information Due August 15

Chapters are reminded that they must return the Delegate Report form with the names and addresses of your chapter's delegates by August 15, 2007. Delegate information can be emailed to Gloria Pappas at gloriap@itrauma.org.

Schedule Set for Review of Chapter Policy & Procedure Manuals

The ITLS Chapter Support Committee has set the schedule for reviewing chapter policy and procedure manuals. The purpose of the reviews is to assure compliance with ITLS requirements and to assist chapters with administration of their ITLS programs.

Each chapter's policy and procedure manual will be reviewed every four (4) years. Chapters have been randomly assigned review dates, but chapters who recently submitted their manuals have been scheduled for review in 2007. Questions should be addressed to Committee Chair Dr. Pete Gianas at pgianas@itrauma.org. Review dates for each chapter follow.

2007

Alabama
Arizona
Arkansas
California
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Florida
Illinois
Japan
Kentucky
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Michigan
Missouri
North Carolina
Northern & York., UK
Ohio
Southern Africa

2008

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AMEDD
Argentina
Atlantic
Bangalore
British Columbia
Georgia
Idaho
Maryland
New York
North Dakota
Ontario
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
Singapore
Tennessee
Trivandrum
Washington

2009

Caldas, Colombia
Colorado
Guanajuato
Indiana
Italy
Korea
Manitoba
Minnesota
Mississippi
New Hampshire
Newfoundland & Lab.
Pavia, Italy (TC)
Poland
Puerto Rico (TC)
Qatar
Rio de Janeiro
South Carolina
Texas
Trinidad & Tobago
UAE
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2010

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Germany
Dublin, Ireland
Louisiana
Massachusetts
Nevada
New Jersey
NW Territories
Palestine
Pune
Saskatchewan
South Dakota
Virginia
Wyoming
Yukon

Chapters Voice Opinions on Name Change

Results of the Chapter Name Change Survey submitted by chapters in June and July showed that an overwhelming majority of chapter respondents have successfully implemented the name change within their chapters.

ITLS received 56 responses from 45 chapters and 2 training centres. Responses were completed by 48 chapter coordinators and 8 medical directors, and provided a solid overview of the benefits and challenges associated with the organizational name change.

According to the survey, more than 96% of respondents indicated that the name change has been completed for their chapter. Approximately three-quarters of respondents had changed their websites, letterhead, phone numbers, and newsletters as applicable.

The survey revealed that 75% of the respondents did not feel the name change had impacted their chapters operations and courses.

Among the 25% of respondents who felt the name change had an

impact, explanations were both positive and negative. Several individuals noted that it has caused some confusion among providers, who did not recognize the new name or realize chapters were still teaching the same course material under a different name.

Others embraced the new ITLS brand and felt it cleared up confusion about the skill levels that the ITLS program is appropriate for. "I think the name sounds bet-

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Register Today for Trauma Conference

Online registration for the 2007 International Trauma Conference is open. Register today to join ITLS at the world's premier pre-hospital trauma conference, held October 12-15, 2007, in San Antonio, Texas.



Educational Courses

The conference will feature internationally known speakers including Bryan Bledsoe, DO, FACEP, EMT-P, Ed Racht, MD, Scott Bolleter, EMT-P and Liz Cloughessy, RN, AM.

Strategically located near the U.S. Army's medical headquarters, the conference will provide a look at the latest in military care for trauma and hemorrhage control and learn how combat medics are trained for battle conditions.

Noted EMS author Bryan Bledsoe, DO, FACEP, EMT-P will again join ITLS at the conference, this year discussing the implications of folk medicine for EMS and neurological trauma in the pre-hospital setting.

Also on the agenda are topics including controversies in the field management of trauma; tactical EMS; pediatric emergencies; a historical perspective on natural disasters; and the management of blast, crush, and burn terror victims.

Special Pre-conference Events

Among the workshops offered before the conference are a Case-Based ITLS Provider Course, ITLS' Access Course for rapid vehicle entry, and a Homeland Security and Emergency Medical Response workshop based on a text authored by

ITLS founder and President John E. Campbell, MD, FACEP.

In conjunction with the rollout of the 6th edition ITLS textbook, ITLS will offer a special Instructor Update for current ITLS instructors to learn the latest updates from the 6th edition ITLS Provider Manual and renew their instructor cards.

The Instructor Update will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 am on Friday, October 12, 2007 and will cover:

- Overview of textbook changes
- Patient assessment demonstration
- Capnography
- Supraglottic BIAD and assessment for difficult airway

Chapter coordinators and medical directors are encouraged to register for this session so that they have the latest information to update their instructors.

New Conference Date Pattern

Preconferences will be on Friday, October 12, and Saturday, October 13,. The two-day conference will begin Sunday, October 14 and wrap up the afternoon of Monday, October 15.

Hotel Room Block Available

The conference hotel, the Crowne Plaza Riverwalk, is at the heart of the action of San Antonio's River-

walk, with shopping, restaurants, and entertainment just steps away. A special rate of \$135 per night has been arranged for conference participants and exhibitors. The cut-off date for this rate is September 20, 2007. To reserve your room, contact Crowne Plaza Reservations at 888-623-2800 or 210-354-2800 and mention group booking code J68.

The ITLS Conference room block at the Crowne Plaza Riverwalk for the night of October 11, 2007, is already sold out. The hotel has availability for the remainder of the nights. Please make your reservations as soon as possible.

For those of you that will need a room on October 11, ITLS has arranged a special rate of \$125 single/double at the:

El Tropicano Riverwalk, A Holiday Inn Hotel

110 Lexington Ave.

San Antonio, TX 78205

Phone: 1-866-293-1842

Toll-Free: 1-888-465-4329 Worldwide

Email: reservations@eltropicanohotel.com

When making reservations, make sure to identify yourself as an attendee of the International Trauma Life Support or use the group code ITL to ensure you receive the discounted rate. The cut-off date for this rate is September 10, 2007.

Chapters to Vote on Bylaws Amendments

ITLS chapter delegates will vote on two amendments to the organization's bylaws during the 2007 International Trauma Conference. The proposed amendments were deliberated by the Bylaws Committee and endorsed by the Board of Directors.

Clarification of Chapter Designations

The first amendment clarifies which organizations are eligible to become ITLS chapters. The change codifies current practice as ITLS has granted charters solely to governmental and non-profit groups for the last ten years. Proprietary groups who wish to conduct ITLS courses where no ITLS chapter exists can apply to become ITLS training centres. Training centres do not share the rights and privileges of chapters such as participating in the governance of the organization.

The amendment also clarifies that the Board may designate more than one chapter in any area. This change also reflects current practice as the charter document that is signed by ITLS and new chapters contains this provision. ITLS does not grant exclusive or non-exclusive franchises to its chapters.

Article IV, Section 1 Charter

Charters may be granted to a not-for-profit group, including but not limited to a non-governmental organization or a governmental agency within a defined geographical area, hereinafter referred to as a Chapter. ~~There shall be no more than one charter for a defined geographic area.~~ BTLS may, at its sole discretion, grant more than one charter within the same geographic area. No group or organization may assign or transfer its BTLS charter to any other group or organization without the express written approval of the Board of Directors of BTLS.

Expansion of Number of Board Members

The delegates will also be asked to adopt an amendment to clarify that an officer will remain on the Board to complete his/her officer term although their Board term may have expired. Currently, all Board officer terms are two years except for Member-at-Large and Past Chair, which have one year terms.

This amendment clarifies that the number of members on the Board may expand by one in the situation where an officer completes his/her term. For example, under the amendment, if the Secretary-Treasurer finishes the first year of a two-year term but does not run for re-election to the Board, he or she would remain on the Board for the remaining year of the officer term.

Article VII, Section 6 Directors

4. In the event a Director is serving a term as Board Chair, Immediate Past Chair, Vice Chair, or Secretary-Treasurer which exceeds their term as an elected member of the Board, the number of Directors may expand by one member until that individual's term as a Board Officer expires.

NB: The bylaws continue to reflect the BTLS name because ITLS was adopted as a DBA in 2005. The organization's legal name remains Basic Trauma Life Support International.

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ter from the standpoint of having an appeal to both basic and advanced providers," one respondent explained.

Other ways in which chapters were impacted included:

- The time it took to change over the website and other BTLS materials that chapters had already modified for their own use
- The effort required to change names on bank accounts, update forms and other printed materials, create new business cards, and distribute the information statewide.

Chapters were vocal about the challenges they faced in implementing the name change. Nearly 30% of

those who responded found that the greatest challenge dealt with public name recognition and re-branding. Many chapters noted that it was difficult to make everyone understand that BTLS and ITLS are the same program and that BTLS has not gone out of business.

Approximately 28% of respondents said they faced no great challenges and found it "an easy process."

One chapter stated that they "accepted ITLS as a more appropriate name for the course," while another noted that they were well prepared for the transition.

The time, work required, and expenses involved were also cited as difficulties for almost 25% of the respondents. The manuals continuing to bear the BTLS logo and name has been a problem for about 10% of the respondents.

Respondents also noted the benefits they have seen. One respondent welcomed the new name because it "emphasized international formation." Another noted that "the positioning of ITLS as a recognized brand" was a good opportunity for their chapter.

Chapters can contact ITLS at 888.495.ITLS or 630.495.6442 to request additional assistance with the name change.

Know Your Regional Brady Sales Representative

With the publication of the 6th edition ITLS manual, U.S. ITLS chapters may want to stay in touch with their Brady sales representatives who will be marketing the book in their area. The sales reps are also a good resource for insight in EMS activities, course coordinator communication, and potential new students.

Following is the list of Brady sales reps and their assigned U.S. territories.

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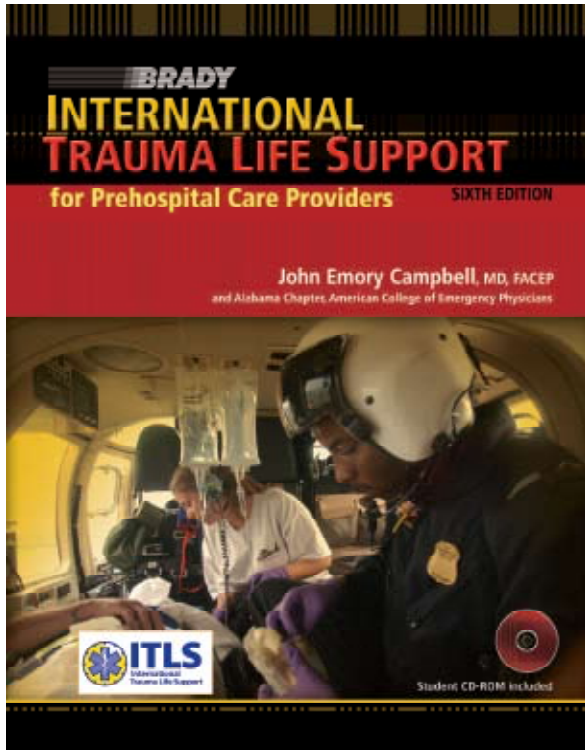
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Nancy Hauss

888-877-7824, ext. 1237

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All sales reps can also be reached at 800-638-0220. (At prompt, press 1, then 1 again, for sales assistance.)



6th Edition Provider Manual NOW IN PRINT!

ITLS is proud to announce the publication of the 6th edition ITLS provider manual: *ITLS for Prehospital Care Providers*.

The 6th edition refines and updates the core principles that define the ITLS framework, including rapid assessment, resuscitation, stabilization, and transport of the trauma patient. The expanded edition conforms to the most recent AHA and ILCOR guidelines for ventilation and resuscitation.

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Continental U.S. Ground Shipping & Handling Charges

U.S. ground shipped orders should be received within 14 business days.

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ITLS for Prehospital Providers Manual
6th Edition ISBN-13: 978-0-13-237982-3

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2007 Photo Competition images of trauma



SUBMISSION FORM

Contest Rules:

1. Photos must be provided in digital format (.JPG, .TIF, .EPS, .PSD, and .PDF files all accepted). Hard copies no larger than 8" x 10" may be submitted to supplement the digital images.
2. Chapters may submit up to three entries. A photo series will count as a single entry; however, the series must be limited to no more than 4 photos.
3. Photos will be publicly displayed. Written consent of the patients or his/her immediate family member is required if any patient identifiers are visible.
4. Photo captions of professional content and/or photo titles may be included but are not mandatory.
5. Photos should be e-mailed to Kate McDonough at katem@itrauma.org. Hard copies of photos or files sent on disk should be mailed to:
Kate McDonough
International Trauma Life Support
1 South 280 Summit Avenue, Court B-2
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 USA
6. Each submission MUST be accompanied by a completed submission form.

Please complete all information as you wish it to appear in the competition display.

Chapter: _____

Contact Name: _____

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City: _____ State/Province: _____ ZIP/Postal Code: _____

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Questions? Contact Kate McDonough at 888-495-ITLS, ext. 205, or by e-mail at katem@itrauma.org.
Submissions must be received by September 15, 2007.



International Trauma Conference
San Antonio: October 12-15, 2007



Call for

ITLS Awards Nominations

Recognize your colleagues for their dedication and commitment to ITLS by nominating them to receive one of ITLS' annual awards:

- John Campbell Medical Director of the Year Award
- Ray Fowler Instructor of the Year Award
- Pat Gandy Coordinator of the Year Award
- Harvey Grant Memorial Award for Excellence in ITLS Access

Awards will be presented at the



Awards Reception — Sunday, October 14, 2007

Please submit a copy of the nominee's CV as well as a short letter of recommendation. Nominations can be sent to Ginny Kennedy Palys at ginnykp@itrauma.org

Nomination Form

Select:

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| <input type="radio"/> John Campbell Medical Director of the Year | <input type="radio"/> Ray Fowler Instructor of the Year |
| <input type="radio"/> Pat Gandy Coordinator of the Year | <input type="radio"/> Harvey Grant Memorial Award |

Nominee's Name: _____

Your Name: _____

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San Antonio, Texas

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM

Only electronic submissions will be accepted.
All abstracts should be sent to Lora Finucane at loraf@itrauma.org. This form may be duplicated for additional submissions. All submissions must be typed.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is Monday, September 3, 2007 at 4:30 pm Central Time. This deadline will be strictly enforced.

Title: _____

Author(s): (List first name, middle initial, and last names of all authors and titles such as MD, DO, RN, EMT, EMT-P, PhD. Place an asterisk next to the name of the principal investigator.)

Position/title: _____

Institutions: (If none, list city and state)

Mailing address: (List address of presenter. Correspondence will be sent to presenter unless instructed otherwise.)

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Date