

# Chapter News



## Transition to ITLS

Has your chapter completed its transition to ITLS?

ITLS announced its new name and identity at the International Trauma Conference in 2005. At that time chapters and training centres were given 15 months to convert from BTLS to ITLS.

Chapters are reminded that December 31, 2006 was the deadline to have changed names from BTLS to ITLS .

Since that time most chapters have made the transition. The changes required include chapter name, mailing addresses, websites, letterhead, banking, course names and marketing materials.

Some chapters and training centres may have also needed to file the name change with state, provincial or national regulatory or other governmental agencies.

The ITLS Chapter Support Committee will be contacting chapters in the next few months to see how the transition is going and whether any further assistance is needed.

### Name Change Kits

Name change kits and other marketing materials for the BTLS to ITLS change were provided to chapters in late 2005.

If your chapter needs assistance using those materials, contact Kate McDonough at: [katem@itrauma.org](mailto:katem@itrauma.org).

### BTLS Memorabilia

Limited quantities of BTLS specialty items including polo shirts, pins, patches, stickers, and other items are available for sale from ITLS.

All the items have been deeply discounted and are available on the ITLS website at [itrauma.org](http://itrauma.org).

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# Important Deadlines

Chapters should remember these upcoming important dates:

## March 31, 2007

To receive credit for their delegate counts for 2007, the number of students taught, course rosters and fees for the 24-month period of January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006 must be received by ITLS by **March 31, 2007**. This

**deadline will not be extended regardless of circumstances.**

Each chapter is allocated two delegates plus one additional delegate for every 500 students (or fraction thereof) trained during the prior 24-month period. Delegates vote during the Business Session held at the annual International Trauma Conference.

## December 31, 2006

This is the last date course participants could have been trained to be included in a chapter's count for the 2007 conference.

Questions should be directed to Ginny Kennedy Palys at [ginnykp@itrauma.org](mailto:ginnykp@itrauma.org).

# 2007 Instructor Slides Available Online

ITLS has updated its PowerPoint slide presentation used at ITLS instructor courses.

The 2007 version includes updated information on the Access course, the global impact of ITLS and highlights of the year for 2006.

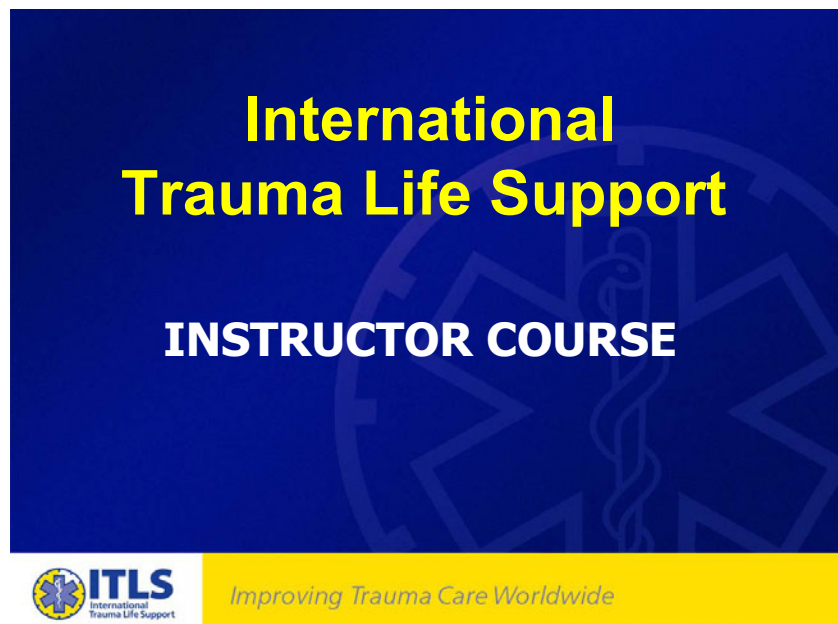
The PPT presentation is posted on the ITLS website under the Chapter Coordinators and Medical Directors "Members Only" section.

The presentation is designed to be used during ITLS instructor courses and covers:

- History
- Organization
- Course structure
  - Faculty
  - Content
  - Teaching techniques

The slides are designed for chapters to adapt for their own courses. Information can be added to reflect local medical protocols, equipment, etc.

There is no charge for the slides and they are available only to ITLS chapters and training centres. Chapters may distribute the slides to their course directors and coordinators.



# Save the Date for the 2007 ITLS International Trauma Conference

Plan now to join ITLS for the 23rd annual International Trauma Conference, held on the Riverwalk in San Antonio, Texas.

Prehospital and emergency care experts from around the world will present informative, interesting seminars on a variety of relevant, cutting-edge trauma care topics.

## New Conference Date Pattern

Preconferences will start on Saturday, October 13, 2007. The two-day conference will begin Sunday, October 14 and wrap up the afternoon of Monday, October 15, 2007.

## 6th Edition Rollout

The rollout of the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the ITLS Provider manual and supplemental materials will occur at the 2007 conference. The 6<sup>th</sup> edition will combine the Basic and Advanced provider manuals into one text.

## Conference Venue

The conference hotel, the Crowne Plaza Riverwalk, is at the heart of the action of San Antonio's Riverwalk, with shopping, restaurants, and entertainment just steps away. A special rate of \$135 per night plus all applicable taxes 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.

Reservations may be made online using the same group code at [www.crowneplaza.com](http://www.crowneplaza.com).

## Upcoming Submission Deadlines

ITLS is looking for submissions of research and photos for contests held at the 2007 International Trauma Conference. The deadline to submit abstracts for presentation at the conference is September 3, 2007. The deadline to submit

photos for the annual photo competition is September 15, 2007. Submission forms with more details are included in this newsletter.

Information about the 2007 ITLS Competition is also available and included in this newsletter. Interested teams are encouraged to submit their intention to compete early, as space is limited. Additional questions may be addressed to Lora Finucane at [loraf@itrauma.org](mailto:loraf@itrauma.org) or by calling 888-495-ITLS, ext. 219.

Check [www.itrauma.org](http://www.itrauma.org) for more information about the conference as details become available!



**October 13-15, 2007**

**Crowne Plaza Riverwalk ◆ San Antonio, Texas**



# Call for Board Nominations

ITLS chapter delegates will elect three (3) members of the organization's Board of Directors during the International Trauma Conference in San Antonio, Texas in October.

## Nominations from Chapters Solicited

The ITLS Nominating Committee is seeking suggestions for nominations.

Incumbent Board members whose terms expire this year are:

■ Amy Boise, NREMT-P (Arizona)

■ Tony Connelly, BSc. Sr. Para., (Alberta, Canada)

■ Pete Gianas, MD (Florida)

All incumbents are eligible to run for re-election.

The term of office is three years, and there are no limits on the number of terms a Board member may serve.

The criteria used to evaluate potential Board candidates are:

1. The candidate should be an active and dependable member of ITLS.

2. The candidate should have the support of his or her chapter.

3. The candidate should be experienced in teaching or coordinating ITLS courses.

4. The candidate should be supportive of a consensus-building process.

5. The Board should be comprised of members who represent various geographic areas, rather than be clustered in one section of the U.S.

6. The Board should be comprised of members who represent the various professions that teach and coordinate ITLS courses.

## Candidate Introduction Procedure to Change

ITLS Board nominees will use a new method to introduce themselves to the delegates at the 2007 International Trauma Conference.

Each Board candidate will be given five minutes to introduce him or herself to the delegates. The candidate may use any format for their introduction including video, PowerPoint, or other media. There will be no question-and-answer period.

In another change, the Business session will open the first day of the conference with introduction of candidates and nominations from the floor. Elections and other business will be the first items of business on the second day of the conference. Details will be announced soon.

# ITLS Quick Notes

## Order Cards & Certificates Online with Interactive PDF

Chapters can now order ITLS cards and certificates online using a new interactive PDF. The form can be found on Page 8 of this newsletter and can be completed electronically and sent by email to the ITLS office. The order form is also posted on the ITLS website in the Members Only section for chapter coordinators and medical directors. As a reminder, chapters must submit student rosters to ITLS quarterly in order to maintain the chapter's "active" status and be eligible to order cards and certificates. Questions should be directed to [suem@itrauma.org](mailto:suem@itrauma.org).

## ITLS 6th Edition

The 6th edition ITLS manual and supplemental materials will be published in the fall of 2007. There will be one combined provider manual that will include both basic and advanced levels. By agreement with Brady, the materials will be labeled "ITLS" rather than BTLS.

## ITLS - PHTLS Comparison

The ITLS Editorial Board has updated its ITLS - PHTLS comparison to reflect changes in the 6th edition PHTLS manual. The comparison can be used to respond to questions regarding the differences between the courses and manuals. The comparison may be found starting on Page 10 of this newsletter and is posted on the website.

The ITLS - PHTLS comparison will be updated again in the fall of 2007 to include the revisions in the 6th edition ITLS manual.

## Courses Outside a Chapter

ITLS has a standing policy that when a chapter wants to hold an ITLS course outside its designated chapter, it must file a "course outside a chapter" form with the International office. The policy applies whether there is an ITLS chapter in the intended course area or not.

A revised 2007 course outside a chapter form has been posted on the ITLS website in the Starting an ITLS Program section as well as in the Members Only section.

# Call for Abstracts



**October 13-15, 2007**

**Crowne Plaza Riverwalk ♦ San Antonio, Texas**

The International Trauma Life Support Research Task Force is soliciting abstracts for the Research Presentations at the 2007 International Trauma Conference in San Antonio, Texas, USA. The submission deadline is September 3, 2007.

Abstracts of original research pertaining to acute care medicine (i.e., trauma, prehospital care, shock, cardiac/cerebral/pulmonary resuscitation, public health, pediatrics and toxicology) may be submitted for presentation.

An abstract form for this research presentation is available from the International Trauma Life Support office by calling 888-495-ITLS, 630-495-6442 or on [www.itrauma.org](http://www.itrauma.org) ITLS will consider abstracts that have been submitted to state or regional competitions.

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**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM**

*Only electronic submissions will be accepted.  
All abstracts should be sent to Lora Finucane at [loraf@itrauma.org](mailto: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  
at 5 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.)  
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**Position/title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Institutions:** (If none, list city and state)  
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**Mailing address:** (List address of presenter. Correspondence will be sent to presenter unless instructed otherwise.)  
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**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I certify that this research has been approved by my institutional review board in all instances where this would be considered appropriate.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Principal Author** **Date**

# 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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Photographer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Full Name Credentials

Photo Title (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Caption (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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



# 2007 *Information* ITLS COMPETITION

**October 13-15, 2007  
San Antonio, Texas**

The competition will be divided into preliminary rounds and a final round.  
The preliminary round will be on October 13, 2007.  
The three top teams will advance to the final round held on October 15, 2007.

## Information

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- Each team should consist of three members and one alternate. All team members are required to be ITLS providers or instructors.
- Each team will have an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the equipment available during the scenario before competing.
- All team members are required to be registered for the conference.
- The winning team will be awarded complimentary registration to the 2008 conference.
- Finalists will have their chapter names engraved on the annual ITLS International competition plaque kept at the ITLS office.
- The winning team will receive an engraved plaque for their chapter.
- Competition results will be announced and all teams will be recognized at the conference.
- Teams will supply their own jump bag. You will have all necessary large equipment to manage the patient available to you on-site, and will have an opportunity to review the equipment just prior to both rounds of the competition.
- Please submit requests for additional equipment in writing no later than September 30, 2007.

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Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Cards and Certificates Order Form

Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Coordinator Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enter quantity needed:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **ITLS Cards (6 cards per sheet)**  
\*Generic - card does not indicate course type

\_\_\_\_\_ **ITLS Basic Certificates**

\_\_\_\_\_ **ITLS Advanced Certificates**

\_\_\_\_\_ **ITLS Pediatric Certificates**

\_\_\_\_\_ **ITLS Access Certificates**

\_\_\_\_\_ **ITLS Single-Sheet Combined Card and Certificate**  
\*Generic - card and certificate do not indicate course type

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Card Numbers Assigned:

# \_\_\_\_\_ to # \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ to # \_\_\_\_\_

Date Order Received:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date Order Sent:

\_\_\_\_\_

Method of Shipment:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please send completed order form to:

**International Trauma Life Support**  
1 S. 280 Summit Avenue, Court B-2  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 USA  
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## **ITLS and PHTLS: A Comparison**

International Trauma Life Support (ITLS) is a global organization dedicated to preventing death and disability from trauma through education and emergency care. ITLS is synonymous with training EMS personnel to provide optimal care for the injured in the pre-hospital setting. A variety of training packages are available to suit the requirements of all levels and background of prehospital emergency personnel internationally, including ITLS Basic, Advanced, Access, and Pediatric courses.

### ***Program Comparison***

#### **ITLS**

- Endorsed by the American College of Emergency Physicians
- Endorsed by the National Association of EMS Physicians
- Objectively measures assessment and management skills for the care of the critical, multi-trauma patient
- Contains core and supplemental content, and allows for customization to address students' educational needs
- Mandates involvement of course medical director and strongly encourages on-site medical director involvement
- Emphasizes team work – from scene to surgery
- Provides a well-structured assessment and priority plan, identifying and addressing immediate life threatening conditions and critical interventions that is practical and easy to follow by all levels of EMS personnel. The identification of "Load and Go" conditions ensures valuable time is not wasted at the scene
- Patient assessment system was used as the foundation methodology of the National Standard Curriculum being taught in paramedic and EMT programs
- Identifies key messages in each chapter that are clearly highlighted in easily identified boxes called PEARLS
- Follows each core chapter with a patient management skills chapter to reinforce learning
- Supplements the core trauma knowledge base with supporting chapters on Trauma in Pregnancy, Patients under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs, Blood and Body Substance Precautions, Trauma in the Elderly and Trauma Cardiopulmonary Arrest
- Offers nine appendices featuring optional skills including sections on Documentation, The Role of the Medical Helicopter, Trauma Care in the Cold, Drowning, Barotrauma and Decompression Injury, Trauma Scoring, Injury Prevention, Radio Communications, and Multi-casualty Incidents which complement the main text forming additional useful resources
- Includes a CD ROM with scenario based practice questions, additional trauma photos, interactive learning activities, and video clips.
- Offers a dedicated Pediatric course and text that provides in-depth assessment and management tools for the injured pediatric patient
- Offers a specialized Access course and text that provides knowledge and skills regarding extrication using hand tools to access trauma patients entrapped in motor vehicle collisions

## PHTLS

- Provides a single training package for all levels of prehospital trauma care providers in new 6<sup>th</sup> edition
- Endorsed by the American College of Surgeons with incorporated 2004 ATLS changes
- Introduction chapter contains history of EMS and advice on reading EMS literature
- Updated definitions and statistics in appropriate chapters
- Expanded prolonged transport considerations with most chapters
- Discourages references to mnemonics
- New chapter scenarios
- Newly added summary sections included at end of each chapter
- Contains excessive pathophysiology sections
- Includes only supportive skills chapters for airway, spinal trauma, and thoracic trauma
- Utilizes primary and secondary survey of ATLS with expanded chapter on scene including START triage
- Updated sections in Injury Prevention and Kinematics, and Specific Injuries including facial trauma, soft tissue neck trauma, and compartment syndrome; new chapters on Burn and Environmental Trauma
- There is no chapter on substance abuse
- Skills video in DVD format
- Has less emphasis on the decision when to utilize special extrication
- Continues to advocate PASG in shock in selected situations
- Revised IV fluid resuscitation in shock
- Improved Traumatic Brain Injury content
- Special Considerations include new chapters on Disaster Management, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Civilian Tactical EMS, and Wilderness Trauma
- Includes laminated pocket reference cards at end of text

## ***Text Comparison***

### **ITLS**

- Evidenced based
- Course focused text
- Basic manual for EMTs and first responders
- Advanced manual for advanced EMS providers, nurses and physicians
- Specialized texts for Pediatric BTLS and Access
- Custom edition of a stand-alone military edition text, edited by a military surgeon with the input and review received from members of the international community. The scenarios are military based and focus on the unique characteristics of the military environment

### **PHTLS**

- Evidenced based and position paper referenced
- One text for both basic and advanced providers
- Pediatric Trauma appears as a chapter only in the text
- 6<sup>th</sup> Edition Military version revised to reflect specific traumatic situations faced by military prehospital providers

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