

Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada

MEMO

Date: October 23, 2006

To: Heart and Stroke Foundation Resuscitation Program Stakeholders

From: Carolyn Pullen, Assistant Director, Health Policy, HSFC

Re: **HSFC Recognition of Basic Life Support (BLS) Courses in Canada**

The Heart and Stroke Foundation (HSF) recognizes:

- The HSF BLS for Healthcare Provider (Level C) course as the requisite course for health care and allied healthcare professionals,
- The HSF BLS Healthcare Provider (Level C) as the prerequisite course for Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS),
- BLS Instructors trained and registered by the HSF. Reciprocity may not be extended to BLS Instructors trained and registered by other organizations in Canada. Individuals will be welcomed to attend a HSF BLS Instructor course, and
- BLS Level C issued by the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Canadian Red Cross, Canadian Ski Patrol, Lifesaving Society, and St. John Ambulance as a prerequisite to the BLS Instructor course. All instructor candidates must successfully complete the psychomotor skills assessment, to the performance level outlined by the HSFC, on the first day of the course in order to be eligible to attend the remaining BLS Instructor course.