

Policy Statement

The Use of the *Core Instructor Course* for all HSF Resuscitation Program Instructor Training

BACKGROUND

In 2006, as part of a comprehensive instructor training program, the American Heart Association (AHA) developed the Core Instructor Course (CIC) to address the pedagogical “*how to teach*” component of instructor training.

In October 2006, the HSFC Resuscitation Task Force reviewed the CIC resources and made the decision to use the resources within the HSFC instructor training programs for the following reasons:

- While an instructor’s ability to teach is as important as clinical and subject matter expertise, previous HSFC instructor training programs were lacking a significant, concrete and consistent module that focused on teaching skills;
- The CIC is an award winning multi-media training unit that met HSF program needs and was made available by AHA for use by HSFC;
- HSFC and AHA have a policy on reciprocity for instructors between the two organizations. The policy relies on the fact that HSFC and AHA instructors are trained to the same standard using the same training processes and resources; and,
- HSFC is making ongoing efforts toward improving resuscitation programs including improving the quality and consistency of instructor training across the federation and the CIC supports this goal.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Effective July 1, 2007, it is the policy of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada Resuscitation Program that all new resuscitation program instructors complete the Core Instructor Course or equivalent training using French training resources in accordance with HSFC Resuscitation Program instructor training agendas for all clinical disciplines including Heartsaver, BLS, ACLS and PALS.

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