

HEART SMART TEAM, INC.

MEDICAL TRAINING COMPANY



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UPCOMING COURSES

Advance Cardiovascular Life Support Course Schedule

9:00am - 6:00pm

JANUARY 7, 2012 SATURDAY (Heart Smart Team, Inc.)
JANUARY 27, 2012 FRIDAY (Heart Smart Team, Inc.)
FEBRUARY 18, 2012 SATURDAY (Heart Smart Team, Inc.)

Pediatric Advance Life Support Course Schedule

9:00am - 6:00pm

JANUARY 28 2012 TUESDAY (Heart Smart Team, Inc.)
FEBRUARY 3, 2012 FRIDAY (Heart Smart Team, Inc.)
FEBRUARY 17, 2012 FRIDAY (Heart Smart Team, Inc.)

Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers Courses

EVERY WEDNESDAY

9:00am - 12:00pm or 5:30pm - 8:30pm

AHA BLS (CPR) INSTRUCTOR COURSE

9:00am - 5:00pm

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR COURSE DATES

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FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND PRE-REQUISITES**

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The Roles and Functions of BLS and ALS Providers

During a cardiac arrest it is imperative that rescuers understand their roles and be effective in carrying out those roles. Basically a resuscitation team must operate like a well oiled machine. According to AHA, resuscitation team members must be proficient in the skills they are trained and authorized to perform within their scope of practice. It is essential to the success of the resuscitation attempt that team members are:

- * clear about role assignments
- * prepared to fulfill role responsibilities
- * well practiced in resuscitation skills
- * knowledgeable about the algorithms
- * committed to success

If it is not your responsibility to “run” the resuscitation as a team leader, then it is understandable that you may not have mastered all the specific tasks, such as selecting medications, interpreting rhythms, or making medical decisions. But it is expected that you will have mastered your areas of responsibility and will be committed to the success of the resuscitation attempt. Fortunately to patients codes are not frequent but unfortunately when a cardiac arrest event arise the infrequency is exposed by rescuers inability to carry their roles in the most effective manner. Compressors, ventilators, IV/IO access team members, and others provide care that is insufficient or all together incorrect. This is why it is highly important that rescuers study and practice their roles periodically, and not just during their AHA re-certification periods. This would be like a professional athlete practicing once before an event and then expects to perform at a winning level....impossible. I wrote in an previous issue that a medical credential such as; RN, MD, EMT-P, RRT and so on does NOT automatically make one an effective rescuers no more than being an athlete makes one a winner. It has been said that practice doesn't make perfect, but perfect practice makes perfect.

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