



Dear PALS Registrant

We would like to welcome you to the Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Refresher course. **The course will be held at AMR 517 S Division Grand Rapids MI** (see map). This is a refresher course and we will only be reviewing key components of the regular provider course. Enclosed are the agendas for a morning and afternoon session. Please be sure you know which one you have been assigned..

We expect you to be familiar with the materials in the book prior to beginning the course. The information in the book is used in a practical nature through a series of practical stations. Those individuals not familiar with the text material will have difficulty in successfully completing the course. Regarding pediatric dosages, you will be comforted to learn that the knowledge of exact drug dosages will not be required in any portion of this course. When needed, a drug dosage sheet will be available for calculations. You should still be familiar with the drug indications and actions.

To successfully complete the course you must attend the entire course, satisfactorily manage 4 pediatric scenarios as team leader and score a minimum of 84% on the written post-test and complete the post-course evaluation form.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at AMR (616) 776-1699 ext 3151 should you have any further questions regarding this course.

Sincerely,

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The American Heart Association strongly promotes knowledge and proficiency in CPR, ACLS and PALS and has developed instructional materials for these purposes. Use of these materials in an educational course does not represent course sponsorship by the American Heart Association, and any fees charged for such courses do not represent income to the association.

AMR's Guide To Pre-Course Preparation

The American Heart Association (AHA) has completed the 2006 rollout of the new materials for their courses (ACLS, BCLS & PALS). If you requested, and received, a textbook for your course you will note a substantial amount “tools” available for you to prepare for the course. Please do not be overwhelmed by these “tools”. One of the “tools” provided is a “Pre-course Preparation Checklist”. This is a good tool to aid you in preparation and we encourage you to utilize it but, we will NOT be collecting these cards or checklists.

A few additional points:

- ❖ You are still expected to prepare for the course, however we will be reviewing key components of the curriculum and building on these throughout the course.
- ❖ If you do not have a textbook based on the 2006 AHA guidelines it is recommended you obtain one.
- ❖ Some of the information on the “student CD” is available to download from our web site at www.ems-education.com.
- ❖ To use the “student CD” you must have FlashPlayer 8.0 installed on your computer.
- ❖ The AHA pre-course material implies you must be competent in all the knowledge and skills before attending the course. Although this may be helpful, the courses offered at AMR-West Mi are designed to validate your knowledge, clarify content, teach the curriculum and evaluate final performance.
- ❖ Education should not be stressful, relax and the information will be better retained.

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AMR – Grand Rapids MI

0800-0815	Sign in
0815-0900	<u>PALS Update & Rapid Cardiopulmonary Assessment</u>
0900-0915	Break
0915-1045	Teaching Stations (45 minutes each) <u>Cardiac Arrest/Newborn Resuscitation</u> <u>Respiratory Failure/Shock</u>
1045-1200	Testing <u>Newborn Resuscitation/ Cardiac Arrest</u> <u>Shock/ Respiratory Failure</u> <u>Written Test</u>

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Successful Completion Criteria

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Remediation & Re-test Matrix

Written test 80-83% & satisfactory practical	on sight remediation
Written test <80% & satisfactory practical	re-test at a later date
Unsatisfactory practical & satisfactory written	on sight re-test (one)
Unsatisfactory practical & unsatisfactory (<80%) written	re-attend entire course

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1545-1700	Testing <u>Newborn Resuscitation/ Cardiac Arrest</u> <u>Shock/ Respiratory Failure</u> <u>Written Test</u>

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