



Dear ACLS Registrant

We would like to welcome you to the Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), for EMS, course. The course will be held at American Medical Response in Grand Rapids (see map). We believe that you will find this course to be an exciting adjunct to your current emergency cardiology education and will enhance your critical thinking skills and clinical abilities.

We expect you to have fully read and become familiar with the materials in the ACLS textbook prior to beginning the course. Unlike other educational courses of this nature, the text material is not reiterated in lectures. Rather, the information in the book is used in a practical nature through a series of case presentation stations. Those individuals not familiar with the text material may have difficulty in successfully completing the course.

Upon successful completion of the course you will be issued an ACLS provider card and a CPR card.

To successfully complete the course you must attend the entire course, successfully lead a mock mega-code exercise as well as pass a written multiple-choice test and pass the Health Care Provider CPR test. To aid in your preparation pre-tests have been enclosed. The answers for the pre-tests will be provided at the beginning of the course. Pre-tests will not be collected

Attached is the planned course agenda; please review it for your start time. Please do not hesitate to contact me at AMR (616) 482-6686 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.

ADVANCED CARDIAC LIFE SUPPORT
American Medical Response
Grand Rapids, MI

ACLS COURSE

- 0800-0815 **Sign in and Coffee**
- 0815-0915 **ACLS & BLS Update**
 0915-0930 Break
- 0930-1000 **Dysrhythmia Recognition**
- 1000-1030 **Airway Assessment**
- 1030-1045 Break
- 1045-1130 **ACS & 12 Lead EKG**
- 1130-1215 **Capnography and Pharmacology Review**
- 1215-1300 **Lunch (on your own)**
- 1300-1500 **Teaching Stations** (30 minutes each)

Tachycardia to Pulseless	
BLS/CPR	
Bradycardia to Pulseless	
Airway Management	

- 1500-1630 **Testing – Written & Practical**

Successful Completion Criteria

To successfully complete the course the student must attend the entire course, satisfactorily manage the first 10 minutes of an ACLS “megacode” scenario and score a minimum of 84% on the written post-test and complete the post-course evaluation form.

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

