

PEDIATRIC ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (PALS)



PROVIDER COURSES

(TWO DAYS)

MARCH 12-13, 2009

MAY 7-8, 2009

NOVEMBER 11-12, 2009

RENEWAL COURSES

(ONE DAY)

FEBRUARY 5, 2009

APRIL 17, 2009

JUNE 19, 2009

OCTOBER 9, 2009

Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare

Conference Rooms C and D
200 University Ave. E.
St. Paul, MN 55101



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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The goal of the PALS courses is to help pediatric health-care providers develop the knowledge and skills necessary to manage the health of critically ill infants and children. The course teaches skills including:

- Recognition and treatment of infants and children at risk for cardiopulmonary arrest
- The systematic approach to pediatric assessment
- Effective respiratory management
- Defibrillation and synchronized cardioversion
- Intraosseous access and fluid bolus administration
- Effective resuscitation team dynamics.

Each participant will receive an American Heart Association PALS card upon successful completion of the course.

INTENDED AUDIENCE

The PALS courses are intended for pediatricians, family physicians, physician assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners, respiratory therapists and other health-care professionals who provide care for pediatric patients.

COURSE LENGTH

The two-day PALS provider course lasts approximately 14 hours. It begins at 7:45 a.m. and ends at approximately 3:30 p.m., with one hour for lunch. Lunch is not provided.

The PALS renewal course lasts approximately eight hours. The course begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at approximately 3:30 p.m., with one hour for lunch. Lunch is not provided.

BEFORE THE COURSE

Participants will receive a provider manual and course guide one month prior to class. **Complete the self-assessment test** on the student CD and **print your score; bring the printout** of your score with you to the PALS course. Use the assessment to identify areas in which you need to increase your knowledge. Although a current basic life support (BLS) card is not required for participation, participants will need to demonstrate BLS proficiency in class.

The American Heart Association (AHA) strongly promotes knowledge and proficiency in BLS, Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), and PALS and has developed instructional materials for such purposes. Use of those materials in an educational course does not represent AHA sponsorship of the course. Any fees charged for such a course, except for the portion of fees needed for AHA course materials, do not represent income to the AHA.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

After completing the Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) provider course or renewal course participants should be able to:

- Identify signs and symptoms in infants and children that indicate shock, respiratory failure, or cardiopulmonary arrest
- Demonstrate the cognitive and psychomotor skills necessary to resuscitate and stabilize infants and children in shock, respiratory failure, or cardiopulmonary arrest
- Provide basic and advanced airway management skills
- Obtain vascular access
- Initiate appropriate fluid and pharmacological therapy
- Participate in a team approach to the care of children who are critically ill as a result of shock, respiratory failure or cardiopulmonary arrest

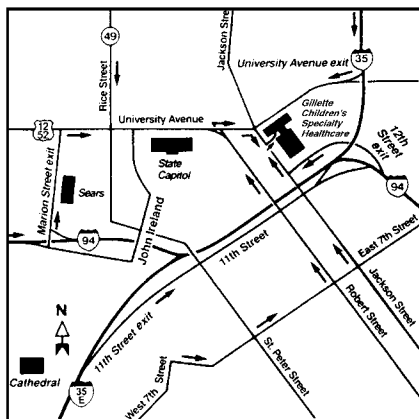
ACCREDITATION

This course has been designed to meet the Minnesota Board of Nursing criteria for seven contact hours (one day) or 14 contact hours (two days) of required continuing education. It is the responsibility of each nurse to determine whether this continuing education activity meets the criteria established by the Minnesota Board of Nursing.

LOCATION

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

We'll accept registrations as long as space remains available. Before you send your registration, please confirm that we have openings by contacting:

John Wulfing
PALS Course Coordinator
651-229-3959, ext. 2028
jwulfing@gillettechildrens.com

You may also contact him if you have questions regarding course content.

REGISTRATION FORM

PALS Provider Courses

- March 12-13, 2009 May 7-8, 2009
 Nov. 11-12, 2009

Registration fee: \$300.00

Fee includes PALS provider manual, PALS course guide, PALS pocket reference card, and the AHA Handbook of Emergency Cardiovascular Care. Continental breakfast will be provided.

PALS Renewal Courses

- Feb. 5, 2009 April 17, 2009
 June 19, 2009 Oct. 9, 2009

Registration fee: \$200.00

Fee includes PALS provider manual, PALS course guide, PALS pocket reference card, and the AHA Handbook of Emergency Cardiovascular Care. Continental breakfast will be provided.

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Employer: _____

Business Phone: _____

Send completed registration form, and a check made payable to Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare, to:

Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare
Attn: John Wulfing
Pediatric Intensive Care Unit
200 University Ave. E.
St. Paul, MN 55101



INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

All instructors are American Heart Association PALS instructors. They include respiratory therapists, and nurses in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and Perianesthesia at Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare, in addition instructors include pediatric critical care specialists from Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota.

..... **PALS program coordinator:**

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