# **Advanced Trauma Life Support**









# (ATLS Instructor Course)

## • Course Purpose and Objective:

The ATLS Instructor Course is a highly intensive 1½ day course designed for doctors who satisfy the qualifications and characteristics of the model ATLS Instructor. Course Educator and faculty concentrate on teaching a variety of methods used to present information, guide the learner, communicate constructive criticism and evaluate performance. The Instructor Course teaches doctors how to teach in the ATLS Program. Knowledge of the medical core is not evaluated during this course; however, the ability to teach the Student course interactively and the affect as a potential instructor candidate is carefully evaluated.

## Description and Educational Format:

The Instructor Course is divided into 10 sessions:

Introduction to the Instructor Course, Course Design, Principles of Learning, Introduction to Microteaching as a concept and tool in the ATLS Program, ATLS Interactive Lecture and related Microteaching Sessions, ATLS Group Discussion and Triage Scenario Orientation, How to Teach Skills and Related Practice Skills Teaching, Teaching Initial Assessment Skills Station and related practice Sessions, Role and Responsibilities of Instructors, and Closure, Affect and Summary.

## • Target Audience/Requirements:

Participants must be identified as potential candidates to attend an Instructor Course based on their performance and attitude during their participation in a Student Course.

Candidates applying to participate in an Instructor Course must successfully complete an approved (ACS) ATLS Student Course within 3 years of applying for the Instructor Course.

Instructor Course participants need to adequately prepare for the course. In addition to their assignments (interactive lecture, skills-teaching and critiquing episodes), they must be assigned to carefully review related section and chapters of the manual.

Successful completion of the course involves attending the entire course, passing the Microteaching lecture, Teaching Skills Stations and Initial Assessment Skills Teaching Sessions.

#### • Awards:

A successful candidate will receive a letter of successful completion from the ATLS Chair/Regional Course Director that remains valid for one year. Candidate will also receive 15 Continuing Medical Education (CME) hours by the American College of Surgeons (ACS).

### • Note:

Official ATLS Instructor Card will not be received by the candidate until the teaching requirement completion has been accomplished within one year after successful completion of the Instructor Course.



