Course Information

Basic Disaster Life Support™ (BDLS®)

BDLS® is targeted to multiple disciplines including: emergency medical service (EMS) personnel, hazardous materials personnel, public health personnel, and health care providers. By teaching multiple disciplines simultaneously, a commonality of approach and language will develop, improving the care and coordination of response in WMD disaster public health emergencies.

Advance Disaster Life Support™ (ADLS™)

ADLS™ is an advanced practicum of the principles introduced in Basic Disaster Life Support™ (BDLS®). ADLS™ incl. lectures on the following: MASS Triage™ in detail; community and hospital disaster planning; media and communication during disasters; mass fatality management. In addition small group interactive sessions allow students to work through series of difficult questions of disaster management in a table top format.

Core Disaster Life Support™ (CDLS™)

Core Disaster Life Support™ (CDLS™) is a 4 hr awareness level course that is focused at the medical first responder, is also useful for non-medical providers.

The program is constructed around the DISASTER Paradigm™ and is designed to teach core concepts of disaster management. In addition, students are taught concepts that will allow them be more effective in the recognition and response to medical disasters. MASS Triage™ is taught to allow these providers to more effectively assist in the mitigation of the disaster and to assist in the process of triage.

Decon Disaster Life Support™ (NDLS-D™)

The ability to decontaminate a large number of victims from a chemical or radiological event will require large numbers personnel trained and equipped to provide decontamination. Although healthcare providers in PPE will be needed to give immediate care and triage victims, the majority of the workforce to provide decontamination in a disaster of this nature should be non-medical provider, hospital based personnel. This program is designed to meet this need. After completing CDLS™ as the awareness level program, students complete an additional 8 hrs of instruction over 2 days. Students a serve as victims for other students to practice decontamination so 2 full days is required to complete CDLS™ and NDLS-D™.

Advanced Disaster Life Support™ - Instructor Course
The ADLS Instructor course is provided for those students of ADLS® who desire to become instructors. The half-day course includes instruction in coordinating and conducting the four rotation stations of ADLS®.

**eBDLS - e-Basic Disaster Life Support**

The eBDLS™ course is the on-line version of Basic Disaster Life Support™ (BDLS®). Recognizing that many potential students of BDLS® are unable to arrange for attendance at a live course, BDLS® has been made available for distance learning. The added advantage of the on-line approach is that the student may take the course in multiple sessions over a period of several days or weeks; it is self paced. The eBDLS™ course consists of nine (9) lessons covering the standardized BDLS® curriculum. The presentation is interactive and employs text, slides, recorded lectures, and end-of-lesson examinations. Only the final examination is counted towards completion.

**eCDLS - e-Core Disaster Life Support**

The eCDLS™ course is the on-line version of Core Disaster Life Support® (CDLS®). Recognizing that many potential students of CDLS® are unable to arrange for attendance at a live course, CDLS® has been made available for distance learning. The added advantage of the on-line approach is that the student may take the course in multiple sessions over a period of several days or weeks; it is self paced. This course was developed by the AMA under a grant received from US Department of Homeland Security.