

Basic Disaster Life Support Medical Health Training



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Modesto California 95354

Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) received a Department of Health and Human Services training grant in October 2003. With this grant, VCU created the Virginia Disaster Readiness Center (VDRC) to provide the highest quality training in disaster medicine to health care providers and disaster responders in Virginia and across the United States.

Delivering a series of courses developed by the National Disaster Life Support Education Consortium and copyrighted by the American Medical Association, the VDRC has trained over 3,000 people in Basic, Advanced, and Core Disaster Life Support. In 2005 the VDRC became the first approved Regional Training Center outside of the original consortium, allowing VDRC staff to travel much more extensively to provide training to a larger group of people across the country.

The National Disaster Life Support curriculum provides physicians, health care workers and emergency responders with comprehensive and integrated training to promote a uniform and efficient response to emergencies involving mass casualties from both natural and man made disasters.



Over the past three decades, nationally recognized and validated training programs for Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS®) and Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS®) have become a standard part of civilian and U.S. military medical training curricula and continuing medical education (CME).

During the 1990's, understanding the evolving need for similar advanced training in the recognition and management of "all-hazards" threats (nuclear, biological, chemical, explosive and natural disasters); several academic institutions developed analogous Advanced Disaster Life Support™ (ADLS™) courses. Basic Disaster Life Support is one of their course offerings.

These courses target resident-physicians, critical care/emergency nurses, paramedics, primary care providers, and medical students. Like ACLS® and ATLS®, these courses are designed to be offered in a didactic and skills lab format in a schedule that can be accomplished in a weekend.

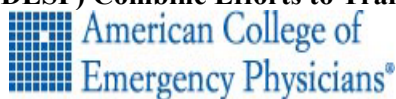
Who should attend?

Physicians, Nurses, PAs., Pharmacists, Public Health Professionals, EMS Personnel, Law Enforcement, HAZMAT Personnel, Health Care Providers

BDLS curriculum is developed with an all-hazards approach (recognition and management) to disaster response. Individual chapters within the didactic curriculum are incorporating a unifying algorithm called the "D-I-S-A-S-T-E-R paradigm". Also, the concepts of M.A.S.S.™ Triage and Disaster Casualty Zones are reinforced continually throughout the chapters. Participants can receive certification and CME for completion of this didactic portion of the course. Those successfully completing the BDLS didactic course can then participate in ADLS.



The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) and the National Disaster Life Support Foundation (NDLSF) Combine Efforts to Train Disaster Medical Personnel



AUGUSTA, Georgia- The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) and the National Disaster Life Support Foundation (NDLSF) announce the signing of an agreement which will greatly enhance the level of training available to emergency medical personnel. The NDLSF is a non-profit foundation established for the purpose of promoting a unique series of courses for training medical personnel to appropriately respond to disasters regardless of the cause.

Instructor Biographies



Dr. Marsh Cuttino has been an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine since 1998 and an Assistant Professor of Anesthesia since 2001, both at the Virginia Commonwealth University. He participated in the aerospace medicine residency elective at the NASA Johnson Space Center in April 1998, and produced a report on the risks of personnel injury from orbital debris during extravehicular activities. He is an expert in human patient simulation and continues to do research on emergency and surgical procedures in microgravity, primarily on the NASA KC-135 Reduced Gravity Program. He is highly experienced in disaster medicine, and is the Director for the Virginia Disaster Readiness Center and a member of the Richmond Metropolitan Medical Response Steering Committee.



Crista McCormick has spent the last two years as the program support assistant with Virginia Commonwealth University's Virginia Disaster Readiness Center (VDRC) in Richmond, Virginia. She has an undergraduate degree in Public Administration from Western Michigan University and began her graduate work in Political Science at the same university. Her responsibilities include the coordination and organization of the training programs the VDRC offers as part of its Department of Health and Human Services training grant. She is also a certified instructor for the program.



Rosalind Mitchell, MD FACEP is an Emergency Medicine Specialist; and prior California EMS Medical Director; with emphasis on Disaster Preparedness Oversight. She excels as a Domestic Preparedness Consultant with expertise; in demonstrating Quality Improvement proficiency. She has performance Improvement expertise; and the ability to negotiate systematic assessments of EMS System Design, and Trauma System Planning and Implementation projects that are being developed. Emergency Department medical informatics analysis and implementations; EMS curriculum development; & Instructional Design are areas in which she brings extra insight. As founder of the medical consulting company, Interlude Enterprises, her unique use of Interactive Authoring tool for EMS personnel training with interactive CD ROM development and design has been invaluable. As a Dynamic Speaker and State EMS leader she creates an exciting adult learning environment.

Destination Modesto



Modesto, a community proud of its vibrant citizenry, great traditions, educational opportunities, and multicultural lifestyles. It is twice-blessed with mild weather year-round and some of the world's richest soil. Part of California's fertile Central Valley, which stretches 300 miles through the center of the state, Modesto offers the diversity and facilities of a metropolitan city, but still maintains an atmosphere of old-fashioned hospitality. With a population exceeding 180,000, it is the largest city and the seat of Stanislaus County. Centrally located on Highway 99, Modesto is easily accessible from throughout California.