

HeartCode® Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Part 1 Online Course

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DESCRIPTION:

HeartCode PALS has been designed to aid the pediatric healthcare provider in developing the knowledge and skills necessary to efficiently evaluate and effectively manage seriously ill infants and children.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

At the conclusion, participants should be able to:

1. Describe the timely recognition and interventions required to prevent respiratory and cardiac arrest in any pediatric patient
2. Describe the systematic approach to pediatric assessment by using the initial impression, primary and secondary assessments, and diagnostic tests
3. Describe priorities and specific interventions for infants and children with respiratory and/or circulatory emergencies
4. Explain the importance of effective team dynamics, including individual roles and responsibilities, during a pediatric resuscitation
5. Describe the key elements of postresuscitation management
6. Perform effective, high-quality cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) when appropriate
7. Perform effective respiratory management within your scope of practice
8. Select and apply appropriate cardiorespiratory monitoring
9. Select and administer the appropriate medications and electrical therapies when presented with an arrhythmia scenario
10. Establish rapid vascular access to administer fluid and medications
11. Demonstrate effective communication and team dynamics both as a team member and as a team leader

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT:

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ACCREDITATION TERMS:

- ACCME/AMA (Physicians) – July 17, 2012 – July 16, 2015
- ANCC (Nurses) – July 17, 2012 – July 16, 2015
- CECBEMS (EMS Practitioners) – July 17, 2012 – July 16, 2015

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Successful completion of this CE activity includes the following:
 - (1) Complete the team dynamics lesson, pass the 12 core cases, and complete the written exam with a score of 84% or higher.
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 - (3) Print the certificate/statement of credit.

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Emergency cardiovascular care is a dynamic science. Advances in treatment and drug therapies occur rapidly. Readers are advised to check for changes in recommended dose, indications, and contraindications in the following sources: future editions of the *AHA Handbook of Emergency Cardiovascular Care for Healthcare Providers* and AHA training materials, as well as the package insert product information sheet for each drug.

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Primary Audience:

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- Nurses
- Paramedics/Advanced EMTs
- Residents
- Nurse Practitioners
- Physician Assistants