



RESUSCITATION COUNCIL OF SOUTHERN AFRICA



RCSA Policy Statement # 20

INTERNATIONAL QUALITY DIFFERENTIATORS

Over and above the normal requirements of the
American Heart Association

Since its inception in 1988, the Resuscitation Council of Southern Africa is proud to be recognized as offering of the highest international standards of resuscitation and emergency cardiovascular care training, as evidenced by the Quality Differentiators listed below:

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS) TRAINING

- a) *All participants receive their own personal BLS Provider Manual for use before, during and after each Course.*
- b) *All participants are provided with a protective ventilator barrier device for use during and after each Course*
- c) *All participants require an AHA BLS Provider Certificate to participate on American Heart Association Advanced Life Support Courses (e.g., ACLS, ACLS-EP, PALS, NRP).*

ADVANCED CARDIOVASCULAR LIFE SUPPORT (ACLS) TRAINING

- a) *All participants are required to attend an AHA BLS for Healthcare Provider Course prior to ACLS Course participation.*
- b) *All participants receive a personal ACLS Provider Manual and comprehensive Emergency Cardiovascular Care Handbook (optional) for use before, during and after each Course for continued reference and usage.*
- c) *All our ACLS Instructors are also valid and current BLS Instructors.*
- d) *All our ACLS Instructors hold an ACLS Experienced Provider Certificate.*

PAEDIATRIC ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (PALS) TRAINING

- a) *All participants are required to attend an AHA BLS for Healthcare Provider Course prior to PALS Course participation.*
- b) *All participants receive a personal PALS Provider Manual for use before, during and after each Course for continued reference and usage.*
- c) *All our PALS Instructors are also valid and current BLS Instructors.*
- d) *All our PALS Instructors hold an Advanced Neonatal Life Support (NRP) Certificate.*

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

- a) *Since 1992, the Resuscitation Council of Southern Africa has been a Founder Member of the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR), actively interacting with the American Heart Association, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, Inter-American Heart Foundation, European Resuscitation Council, Australian Resuscitation Council, New Zealand Resuscitation Council, and the Resuscitation Council of Asia.*
- b) *Since 1994, the Resuscitation Council of Southern Africa has represented South Africa on International Task Forces for Basic Life Support, Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support and Paediatric Advanced Life Support.*
- c) *Since 1997, the Resuscitation Council of Southern Africa has been actively involved in international Standards and Guidelines development in association with the American Heart Association and the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation.*

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