



# RESUSCITATION COUNCIL OF SOUTHERN AFRICA



## RCSA Policy Statement # 26

### CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO RCSA PALS FACULTY STATUS (PALS INSTRUCTOR TRAINER)

1. Current active RCSA PALS Instructor status.
2. Active AHA PALS Instructor status (having taught on a minimum of 8 PALS Provider Courses).
3. Letter of motivation providing a portfolio of evidence of active involvement in paediatric resuscitation / academic activities, research and / or international ECC events.
4. Except for Paediatricians or candidates with extensive paediatric experience, it is highly recommended that nominees first obtain ACLS Faculty Status.
5. Participate satisfactorily as a Potential PALS Faculty Member on at least one PALS Instructor Course.
6. Be monitored by a PALS Faculty Member on 1<sup>st</sup> PALS Instructor Course.
7. Be prepared to commit to monitoring and other Faculty responsibilities in support of the RCSA and AHA's aims and objectives.
8. PALS Faculty Status to be endorsed by the RCSA Executive Committee.

<i>RCSA Policy Title:</i>	Criteria for Nomination to RCSA PALS Faculty Status	<i>Date implemented:</i>	April 2009
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**PALS Faculty Responsibilities**

All Faculty members are responsible for quality assurance and the educational component of the American Heart Association’s Emergency Cardiovascular Care Programs. PALS Faculty consists of PALS Instructors who, because of their exemplary service, have been appointed to PALS Faculty by the American Heart Association and the Resuscitation Council of Southern Africa.

PALS Faculty responsibilities include:

- Serving as an expert resource on PALS issues and protocols to PALS Training Sites, PALS Instructors, and PALS Training Site staff.
- Guiding and assisting PALS Training Sites in the development of PALS Programs.
- Being able to serve in an unbiased, objective capacity.
- Recognizing and avoiding conflicts of interest, whether real or perceived.
- Conducting on-site visits to PALS Training Sites and assessing adherence to AHA guidelines.
- Supporting community Chain of Survival initiatives.
- Mentoring new PALS Faculty members and PALS Instructors.
- Overseeing quality assurance.
- Monitoring PALS Instructors’ teaching abilities and completion of required documentation.
- Involvement in at least one PALS Instructor Course per year if demand permits.
- Monitoring at least 4 new or existing instructors per year.
- Maintaining current valid PALS Instructor status.
- Attending orientation and updates as required.
- Cultivating and mentoring new and potential candidates for PALS Faculty.
- Ensures that all required documentation is submitted to the RCSA within a reasonable time and that one’s own TS is auditable with regards to adherence to policy and procedure.

PALS Faculty members are appointed for a two-year period, whereafter reappointment is required. A reappointment application must be submitted, detailing how the PALS Faculty member supported PALS programs during the appointed term. Reappointment will be determined by fulfilment of the above PALS Faculty responsibilities during the previous term.

All Faculty members are responsible for encouraging and driving the QA and QI, ensuring TS admin reviews are up-to-date and progressive in each of the TSs under their ambit of responsibility. As is the norm in the USA AHA, this function is voluntary and without financial compensation.

Signature of Incumbent PALS Faculty Member: .....

Name of Incumbent Faculty Member: ..... Date: .....