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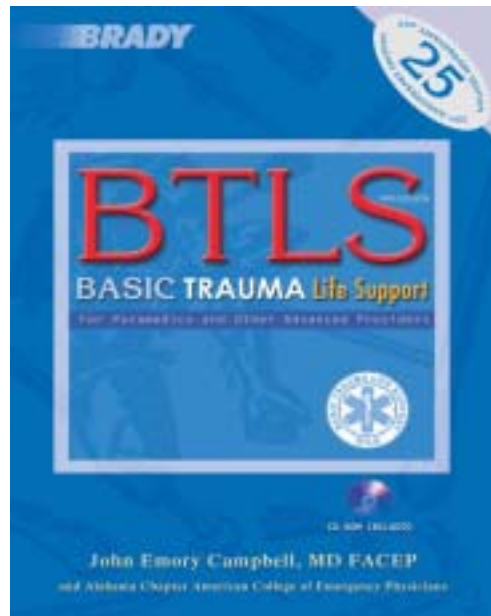
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News on the 5th Edition

The 5th edition BTLS Advanced and 4th edition of the BTLS Basic provider books have been published by Brady. Response from students has been very positive, and many refresher courses have been held all over the world.



A PowerPoint presentation that highlights the changes in the new editions has been sent to all chapters. Please share this with your chapter's course coordinators. If you need a copy of the presentation, please contact the International office.

Slides

The new slides were released on March 1 and are available in CD format.

Instructor Guide

A production error has delayed the publication of the IG until late March. If you have classes in the interim, please contact Sue McDonough at 1-800-495-BTLS extension 201 to purchase a

temporary guide. You will be sent a final version when it is published.

If you purchased a defective (i.e., bound) copy of the IG, you can receive a replacement copy at no charge from BTLS or your Brady sales rep depending on where you purchased it.

BTLS Tests

Copies of all new tests have been sent to BTLS Chapter Coordinators and Medical Directors. Please remember that the BTLS International office does not release tests to course coordinators without direction from the chapter. If you did not receive your copies, please contact Sue McDonough.

Important Deadlines

Please keep the following dates in mind regarding voting delegate information for the 2004 International Trauma Conference business sessions.

March 31, 2004

We will be calculating the number of delegates each chapter is allocated for the 2004 business meeting shortly. To receive credit for students taught, course rosters and fees for the 24-month period of January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2003 must be received by BTLS International by **March 31, 2004**. **This deadline will not be extended regardless of circumstances.** Vote allocations are determined by completed rosters and paid fees by March 31.

December 31, 2003

This is the last date course participants could be trained to be included in a chapter's count for the 2004 conference.

April 15, 2004

Who will follow Japan's example and win the 2004 BTLS Competition? It's time to start getting your chapter's team together. The deadline for submitting team applications for the competition is April 15, 2004. Send an email expressing your chapter's interest to jackies@btls.org.

Videotapes of the 2003 competition are available from the BTLS office by calling 800-495-BTLS , or 630-495-6442 (outside U.S.) or email info@btls.org. The price is 10 USD plus shipping.

BTLS Bridge Courses

With the publication of the 5th edition BTLS Advanced book, there has been much interest by PHTLS and ATLS instructors in becoming BTLS instructors.

BTLS has a policy that allows instructors of other trauma courses to easily transition to BTLS instructors. Each chapter may conduct BTLS Bridge courses for qualified instructors. The Bridge course typically runs from 4 - 8 hours, with the successful candidate only needing to be monitored teaching a BTLS course after completion of the Bridge.

For more information, or to receive sample Bridge course agendas, please contact the BTLS staff.

Getting to Know Your Brady Sales Rep

The publisher of BTLS's core educational products is Brady Books. Brady has a team of sales representatives across the US that are responsible for marketing BTLS and other Brady EMS products. Because they are in the field, Brady sales reps often gain information about what is happening in EMS locally, or hear concerns about BTLS or other trauma courses.

In the US, Brady's sales reps are a great resource for BTLS chapter coordinators and medical directors to keep plugged in about what's happening in your state. BTLS encourages you to get to know your Brady sales rep and develop ongoing communication with him or her.

Following is the list of Brady sales reps and their assigned US territories.

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State EMS Conferences

BTLS encourages its US state chapters to connect with your local Brady sales rep if you plan to exhibit at your state EMS conference. The Brady reps will attempt to share exhibit space with you, or be placed next to your chapters's exhibit.

BTLS has BTLS - Brady buttons that you can wear during exhibit hours.

Let BTLS International know about your experiences.

Call for Nominations

Three positions will be elected to the BTLS Board of Directors this October by the chapter delegates attending the International Trauma Conference. The BTLS Nominating Committee is seeking suggestions for nominations.

Incumbents Tony Connelly, Sr. Para., BSc (Northern & Yorkshire, England) and Pete Gianas, MD (Florida) are eligible for re-election. The seat vacated by Jon Hobbs, DO (South Carolina) will also be elected.

The term of office is three years, and there are no limits on the number of terms a Board member may serve.

The criteria used for Board nominations are:

1. The candidate should be an active and dependable member of BTLS.
2. The candidate should have the support of his or her chapter.
3. The candidate should be experienced in teaching or coordinating BTLS courses.
4. The candidate should be supportive of a consensus-building process.
5. The Board should be comprised of members who represent various geographic areas, rather than be clustered in one section of the U.S.
6. The Board should be comprised of members who represent the various professions that teach and coordinate BTLS programs.

To make a nomination, a letter explaining the nominee's qualifications with a copy of his or her CV should be sent to the BTLS office. The Nominating Committee will accept suggestions until **July 15**.

Phoenix in 2005

BTLS International is happy to announce that Phoenix, Arizona will be the location of the 2005 International Trauma Conference. Breathtaking views, spectacular deserts, lush golf courses, and the Western spirit await.

Details will be announced soon.