



# BTLS Chapter Update

May 2003

**International  
Trauma  
Conference**

**November 6 - 8,  
2003**

**York, United  
Kingdom**

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## **BTLS Bridge Course Policy Adopted**

Many trauma instructors ask how they can easily transition to become a BTLS instructor without going through the usual Provider and Instructor courses. Usually these are experienced PHTLS or ATLS instructors that chapters would be happy to have join the ranks of their instructors.

The BTLS Chapter Support Committee recommended a new policy to the Board of Directors that would make the transition to BTLS easier for chapters and their potential new instructors. The Board adopted the policy at its April meeting. The policy, which follows, is a guideline for chapters. Chapters may wish to adjust some of the criteria to make it more workable for their needs.

### **Introduction**

In an effort to facilitate the process by which certified trauma instructors may become BTLS instructors, BTLS has developed a "bridge" course. This course is open to any currently certified PHTLS or ATLS Instructor who wishes to become a BTLS Instructor. A BTLS faculty member must conduct the course.

### **BTLS Bridge Course Outline**

Rationale:

This course has been developed to facilitate the process by which certified trauma instructors may become certified as BTLS Instructors. The course assumes that the candidate is familiar with basic instructional methodology and the skills of BTLS. Successful completion certifies the candidate as a BTLS Instructor candidate.

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Necessary Prerequisites	The prerequisite for registering in the Bridge Course is current PHTLS or ATLS (or similar trauma training program) Instructor Certification.
Certified By:	Following completion of the Bridge Course, the candidate is classified as an "Instructor Candidate". In order to become certified as a BTLS Instructor, the candidate must be recommended for certification by a faculty member who monitors the candidate teaching during a BTLS Provider Course. Monitoring must be within 12 months of the bridge course and include teaching a lecture and a skill station. An extension may be granted on the 12 months if considered appropriate by the chapter medical director.
Certified For:	Three (3) years
Recertification:	In order to be recertified as a BTLS Instructor, the individual must teach and be monitored in at least one BTLS course (Basic or Provider) per year for the three years of certification. Instructor Updates may be required as deemed necessary by the chapter.
Recommended Course Length:	One (1) day
Required Text:	BTLS Instructor Manual and BTLS Provider Manual

## Recommended Bridge Course Outline

- I. Introduction
  - A. History of BTLS
    - 1. Why and how
    - 2. Course philosophy
    - 3. Educational philosophy
      - a. Educational flexibility/ academic freedom
      - b. Emphasis on BTLS Survey
  - B. BTLS Program Structure
    - 1. Provider
      - a. Advanced
      - b. Basic
    - 2. Instructors
    - 3. Affiliate faculty
    - 4. BTLS chapter committee
    - 5. BTLS international
- II. BTLS Program Administration
  - A. Provider course schedule review
  - B. Provider course coordinator
  - C. Administrative guidelines
- 1. Books
- 2. Slides
- 3. Pre course paperwork
- 4. Course fees
- 5. Post course paperwork
- III. Student Evaluations
  - A. How to conduct patient scenario teaching and testing stations
    - 1. Scenarios
    - 2. Paperwork
    - 3. Pass/Retest/Fail criteria
  - B. Mock Scenarios
- IV. Completion/ Recertification Requirements
  - A. Monitoring for initial certification
  - B. Required teaching activity
  - C. Monitoring for recertification
- V. Wrap-up

# 2003 BTLS International Trauma Conference Program

**Thursday, November 6, 2003**

7:00 am - 8:00 am

**Registration**

8:00 am - 5:30 pm

**Pre-Conference Workshops**

- 1) **ADVANCED AIRWAY**
- 2) **PEDIATRIC BTLS**
- 3) **BTLS ACCESS**

1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

**BTLS Competition –  
Preliminary Rounds**

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

**Registration**

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

**Welcoming Reception Hosted by Northern & Yorkshire Chapter & Exhibits Open**

**Friday, November 7, 2003**

7:00 am - 8:30 am

**Registration/Continental Breakfast & Visit the Exhibits**

8:30 am - 9:00 am

**Call to Order and Welcome**

9:00 am - 10:00 am

**From the History to the Future: An A through Z of Airway Management**  
Tom Clarke, MA, DPhil, BMBCh, FRCA

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Research Poster Competition Open and Available for Viewing**

10:00 am - 10:30 am

**Break and Visit the Exhibits - Credentialing Begins**

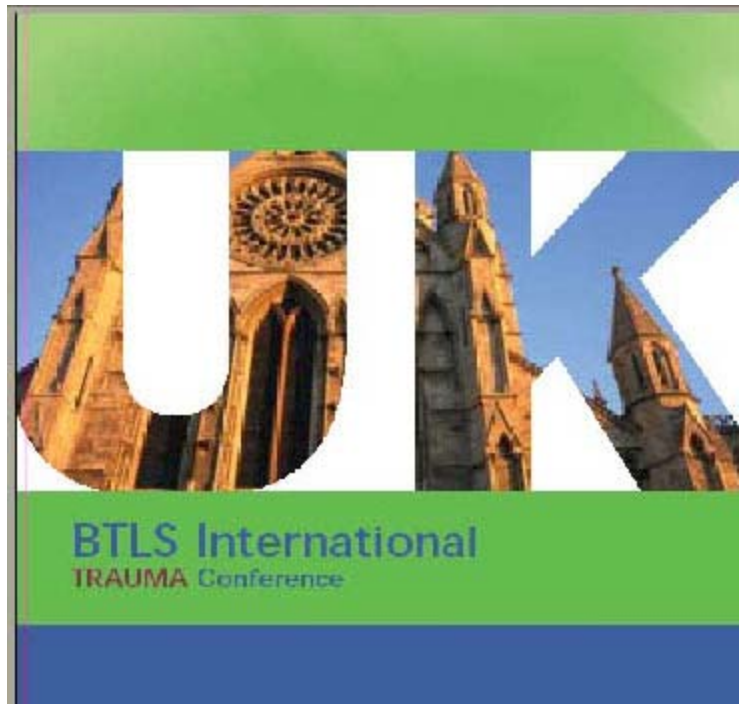
10:30 am - 11:45 am

**Handle With Care – Immobilization and Transportation of Children and Adults with  
Special Needs**

Sandra Jones, RN, CEN, EMT-P

**Managing a Bomb Scene**

Colonel Timothy J. Hodgetts, OStJ



**Live the History,  
Shape the Future of Trauma Care**

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## All About York

York - home of the Minster, Jorvik Museum, Guildhall, Debtors' Prison, Treasurer's House and the Railway Museum, is the setting for the 2003 BTLS International Trauma Conference. No need to rent a car - York is pedestrianised, and easy to visit - on foot, without difficulty.

### Conference Headquarters Hotel

The York Viking Moat House is the headquarters hotel in the heart of the city centre overlooking the banks of the River Ouse.

The hotel features several club rooms with terraces facing out onto the Ouse. The hotel recently refurbished a full service gym, steam room, sauna, solarium and salon. The Waterfront Restaurant provides a traditional carvery and extensive a la carte menu. The Regatta Lounge and Bar offers refreshments from a spot of tea to cocktails.

To reserve a room, contact the Moat House at 01904 459988 or book online at [www.moathousehotels.com](http://www.moathousehotels.com). All rooms have private baths and are offered at a special rate for BTLS conference participants of \$101/£65 single or double (exact prices depend on the exchange rate) per night, plus applicable taxes. The cut-off date for special BTLS rates is October 8, 2003.

An alternative hotel is the Queen's Hotel, which is easily within walking distance of the Moat House. The guaranteed room rate is \$98/£60 single or double (exact prices depend on the exchange rate) per night, plus applicable taxes. The cut-off date for special BTLS rates is October 5, 2003. Space is limited, so reserve early. Call 01904 611321 or book online at [info@queenshotel-york.com](mailto:info@queenshotel-york.com).

### Medieval Banquet

Step back in time for a sumptuous six-course banquet which is both informative and highly entertaining. This authentic medieval banquet, complete with jesters, storytellers, and live music will be held in St. Williams College, one of the oldest medieval buildings in York, and is within walking distance from the conference hotel.

If you have clothing that could be representative of the period, be sure to pack it. Or, if you prefer, period clothing will be available to rent on Thursday evening.

The banquet will be held Friday, November 7 at 7:30 PM.

## Congratulations

**To the BTLS Chapter teams selected for the BTLS Competition. They are:**

**North Carolina  
Florida  
Ontario  
Tennessee  
Northern & Yorkshire  
Japan  
Texas  
Merseyside/Aintree**

**Preliminary rounds will be held Thursday, November 6 from 1:00 - 6:00 PM. The final round will be held Saturday, November 8 from 12:45 pm - 2:00 PM. Both the preliminary and final rounds will be held at the Moat House Hotel and are open to conference participants.**

## Deadline Reminders

### • **Board Nominations**

The BTLS Nominating Committee is requesting suggestions for possible candidates for the 2003 Board elections. There will be three members elected to the BTLS Board of Directors this year.

Board members whose terms end in 2003 are Walter Bradley, MD, FACEP, (Illinois), Pat Roselli, NREMT-P (Massachusetts), and William Pfeifer, MD, FACS (Colorado) who completed the term of the late Shirley Kimble. All incumbents are eligible for re-election.

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**.

### • **Award Nominations**

Does your chapter have any suggestions for BTLS awards? We invite your suggestions for the following BTLS awards: the John Campbell Medical Director Award, the Ray Fowler Instructor Award, the Pat Gandy Coordinator Award, and the Harvey Grant Memorial Award. Please send your nominations to the BTLS office no later than **August 1**.

### • **Bylaws Amendments and Resolutions**

If your chapter or any individual has suggested bylaws amendments or resolutions to be presented at the business session, they must be postmarked to the International office by **July 1**.

### • **Call for Abstracts**

The BTLS Research Task Force is accepting abstracts for research presentations at the conference. The deadline is **July 1**. Original work involving all aspects of trauma care and related EMS issues are welcome. If you need an abstract form, please contact the International office

### **BTLS Chapter Grant Program**

The BTLS Chapter Grant program has been temporarily suspended due to funding issues. The program will be reinstated when funds become available.

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## **Interactive BTLS Assessment – Patient Case Scenarios**

Sabina Braithwaite, MD, FACEP, NREMT-P

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

### **Lunch**

**Chapter Medical Directors' and Coordinators' Workshop**

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm

**Visit the Exhibits**

1:30 pm - 2:45 pm

### **Managing the Masses: Spontaneous Large Crowds**

Christopher McCarthy

### **Audiovisual: Help or Hindrance to Enhancing Education**

Anthony Cellitti, EMT-P

Jeff Klarman

### **Evidence Based Out-of Hospital Trauma Care**

Amado Alejandro Baez, MD, MS, EMT-P

2:45 pm - 3:15 pm

**Break and Visit the Exhibits (Credentialing until 4:30)**

3:15 pm - 4:45 pm

**Comparisons of Clinical Practices: Japan, England, US, France**

4:50 pm - 5:45 pm

### **EMS Response to Domestic Terrorism**

Attila Hertelendy, BHsc., CCEMT-P, REMT-P

4:50 pm - 6:30 pm

**BTLS Business Session**

7:30 pm – 11:00 pm

**Medieval Banquet - St. William's College**

## **Saturday, November 8, 2003**

7:00 am - 8:30 am

**Registration**

8:00 am - 8:30 am

**Continental Breakfast & Visit the Exhibits**

8:30 am - 9:30 am

### **EMS from Death's Perspective**

Grim Reaper

Bob Page, AAS, NREMT-P, CCEMT-P/IC

9:30 am - 9:45 am

**Break & Visit the Exhibits (Credentialing Continues)**

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9:45 am - 11:00 am

**Chemical Extrication: Relief Inside the Torture Chamber**

Sandra Jones, RN, CEN, EMT-P

**Medical Care for Planned Mass Gatherings**

Martin Friedberg, MD, CCFP (EM)

**“Do You See What I See?” An Interactive Triage Exercise**

David Maatman, NREMT-P/IC, CCEMT-P

11:00 am – 11:45 am

**Lunch & Visit the Exhibits**

11:45 am - 12:45 pm

**BTLS: Past, Present & Future – Join Us: The Pursuit of Excellence  
in Worldwide Trauma Care**

John Campbell, MD, FACEP  
Tony Connelly, Sr. Para. BSc  
Ginny Kennedy Palys, JD

12:45 pm – 2:30 pm

**BTLS Competition – Final Round**

2:30 pm - 2:45 pm

**Break and Visit the Exhibits**

2:45 pm - 4:15 pm

**Chapter Mini Presentations and Awards**

Illinois, Malawi, Poland

4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

**Break & Last Chance to Visit the Exhibits  
(Last Chance to Credential)**

4:50 pm - 5:45 pm

**A Historical Perspective on EMS & Trauma  
Worldwide**

Keith Porter, FRCS, FIMC, RCS(ED)

4:50 pm - 6:00 pm

**BTLS Business Session**

6:30 PM

**EMS Tours and Ride Alongs with TENYAS (by appointment)**

Conference Brochures will be  
Mailed in Early June