



# BTLS Chapter Update

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## Quick Reference Scenarios for BTLS Chapters

The BTLS Editorial Board has prepared Teaching Improvement Products & Services (TIPS) Quick Reference Scenarios to assist with your courses.

The Quick Reference Scenarios correspond with scenarios 1 - 13 in chapter 4 of the BTLS Coordinator and Instructor Guide, Fifth Edition.

These scenarios are presented as a flow chart with developments related to appropriate and inappropriate interventions. The one-page format allows ease of use on a clipboard or binder and reduces search time within the full scenario description during evaluations.

The Quick Reference Scenarios are posted on the Members Only section of the BTLS web site which is restricted to chapter coordinators and medical directors. If you have not yet registered, go to [www.btls.org](http://www.btls.org) and register on the left column.

The Editorial Board welcomes your feedback and comments should be sent to [ginnykp@btls.org](mailto:ginnykp@btls.org).

## Welcome New Chapters

The BTLS Board of Directors has approved the applications of two new chapters.

Newfoundland and Labrador is the newest chapter in Canada. Its Chapter Coordinator is Alex Tucker and its Medical Director is Charles McVicker, MD, CCFP(EM), MBA.

Trinidad & Tobago has also been welcomed as a BTLS chapter. Its Chapter Coordinator is Dexter Ramsaroop, IEMSR-P, and its Medical Director is Dr. Tia Okwee Bennie, MBBS.

Welcome to the BTLS community.

# From the Chapter Support Committee

The BTLS Chapter Support Committee is committed to assisting chapters in promoting BTLS courses in your area. I wanted to provide a brief summary of some of BTLS' chapter-related activities to keep you up to date.

## Policy and Procedure Manuals:

One of the projects the Committee is undertaking this year is to review chapter policy and procedure manuals. This reinstates a practice that the Committee had engaged in previously but was suspended due to more pressing issues.

We will develop a four year cycle for the reviews with the first ones being done in the fall of 2005. We are asking for chapters to volunteer for the 2005 reviews to get the process started. Email me at [pgianas@btls.org](mailto:pgianas@btls.org) to volunteer. A schedule will be announced in the fall.

## Recommendations re Dormant Chapters:

Each chapter should submit its student rosters and fees to International quarterly. Chapters are also required to submit their annual reports to verify the number of students trained and the names of their delegates. Unfortunately, some chapters have not fulfilled these requirements.

Committee members are contacting the Chapter Coordinators and Medical Directors of these dormant chapters to determine their commitment to continuing as BTLS chapters. Depending on the outcome of the communications, the Committee may recommend revocation of their charters to the Board of Directors.

## FAQs

The International office receives hundreds of emails and telephone calls each month with inquiries about BTLS. Many of these inquiries are referred directly to chapter coordinators for follow up. You may have received forwarded messages from the International staff when a student needs a new card, is looking for a specific class, or has a course payment question.

Other inquiries are not quite so straightforward. Some include:

- *"How can my department/agency become a designated BTLS training site?"*  
BTLS International frequently is asked to allow a fire department, EMS agency, private ambulance company, or others to become their own BTLS training facility. In these cases, the agency is referred to the local BTLS chapter if one exists.

BTLS wants to make its courses available to as many EMS providers as possible. We hope that all chapters have a procedure in place to encourage development of new training sites and designation of new affiliate faculty members. Because most chapters have limited resources, we encourage you to contact the International office if you need assistance with chapter growth.

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## Call for Abstracts

The BTLS International Research Task Force is soliciting abstracts for research presentations at the 2005 BTLS International Trauma Conference. The conference will be held October 27 - 29 in Scottsdale, Arizona, USA.

Abstracts of original research pertaining to acute care medicine (i.e., trauma, pre-hospital care, shock, cardiac/cerebral/pulmonary resuscitation, public health, pediatrics and toxicology) may be submitted for presentation. BTLS will consider abstracts that have been submitted to state or regional competitions

An abstract submission form is attached and copies are also available from the BTLS International office by calling 800-495-BTLS or 630-495-6442. The abstract submission deadline is September 1.

## Competition Deadline

Can Japan be defeated? The two-time consecutive winner of the BTLS competition will take on contenders as the 2005 BTLS Competition. It's time to start getting your chapter's team together. The deadline for submitting team applications for the competition is June 15, 2005. Send an email expressing your chapter's interest to [loraf@btls.org](mailto:loraf@btls.org).

Videotapes of the 2004 competition are available from the BTLS office by calling 800-495-BTLS, or 630-495-6442 (outside U.S.) or email [info@btls.org](mailto:info@btls.org). The price is 10 USD plus shipping.

## Review of Chapter Policy & Procedure Manuals

The BTLS International Chapter Support Committee will begin reviewing chapter policy and procedure manuals in the fall of 2005. The purpose of the reviews is to assure compliance with BTLS requirements and to assist chapters with administration of their BTLS programs.

Each chapter's policy and procedure manual will be reviewed every four (4) years. Chapters will be assigned review dates randomly, but chapters who would like to be reviewed in 2005 are encouraged to step forward. Volunteers should email Dr. Pete Gianas at [pgianas@btls.org](mailto:pgianas@btls.org)

## From the Chapter Support Committee - cont'd

- *"I am a PHTLS instructor. How can I become a BTLS instructor?"*

As a BTLS chapter medical director, I know that instructors are our chapters' most valuable resource and that we all need more of them.

As you know, BTLS has adopted a curriculum for the BTLS Bridge course that transitions PHTLS and ATLS instructors to BTLS. The Bridge course usually runs 4 – 6 hours and the student only needs to be monitored at a subsequent provider course to become a BTLS instructor.

I encourage every chapter to schedule at least one Bridge course this year. Even if you bridge only a few new instructors, they will be enthusiastic and a great asset to your chapter. Plus they will be able to provide insight into other trauma training programs.

- *"I took my BTLS course four months ago and I still don't have my card."*

Getting cards to students can be a long process. It can involve the student, course coordinator, hospital or agency bookkeeper, chapter coordinator and frequently others and depends on each person in the chain acting quickly. And we all know how often there's a kink in the chain.

BTLS International has highlighted some chapters' methods to streamline the process during past sessions of the International Trauma Conference. In Florida, for example, we have on line registration that actually generates the student's card. I'm sure other chapters have more good ideas.

I'd like chapters to share their best practices on this important customer service issue. We can all learn from each other and select tips that will work for our chapter.

So, please send your suggestions for the best practices to get the student's BTLS card in their hand to me at [pgianas@btls.org](mailto:pgianas@btls.org). We'll publish your suggestions in upcoming issues of BTLS Chapter News.

The Chapter Support Committee appreciates all the hard work it takes to manage your BTLS chapter. We hope to be a resource to you in the months ahead.

*Pete Gianas, MD  
Chair  
Chapter Support Committee*

## 2004 BTLS Courses by Chapter - As of March 31, 2005

<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>ADVANCED</u>	<u>BASIC</u>	<u>COMBINED</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>	<u>PEDIATRIC</u>	<u>ACCESS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ALABAMA	280	118	0	36	0	0	434
ALASKA	83	37	0	16	0	8	144
ALBERTA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AMEDD	273	0	0	3	0	0	276
ARGENTINA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ARIZONA	307	46	0	3	0	0	356
ARKANSAS	42	0	19	3	0	0	64
ATLANTIC	25	14	13	9	0	0	61
BERMUDA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BRITISH COLUMBIA	19	42	0	0	0	0	61
CALIFORNIA	1030	8	72	59	11	0	1180
COLORADO	115	50	24	16	0	0	205
DMRTI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FLORIDA	902	54	996	64	20	0	2036
GEM STATE OF IDAHO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GEORGIA	557	0	0	110	85	0	752
GUANAJUATO	0	218	114	12	40	0	384
ILLINOIS	322	64	849	78	0	0	1313
INDIANA	0	0	435	0	0	0	435
ISLE OF MAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ITALY	288	50	0	44	26	0	408
JAPAN	105	315	0	0	0	0	420
KENTUCKY	180	12	324	40	0	0	556
KOREA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LOUISIANA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MANITOBA	33	11	37	0	0	12	93
MARYLAND	244	84	204	0	43	0	575
MASSACHUSETTS	34	22	99	11	27	0	193
MERSEYD/AINTREE	35	33	0	0	0	0	68
MEXICO CITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MICHIGAN	0	0	165	0	0	0	165
MINNESOTA	205	22	123	13	60	0	423
MISSISSIPPI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISSOURI	0	0	340	0	43	86	469
NEVADA	133	6	22	0	0	49	210
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEW JERSEY	91	173	0	3	15	0	282
NEW YORK	614	88	0	51	0	0	753
NORTH CAROLINA	1013	43	103	0	160	0	1319
NORTH DAKOTA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NW TERRITORIES	0	0	11	0	0	0	11
OHIO	606	0	1342	453	247	0	2648
OKLAHOMA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ONTARIO	10	351	158	29	54	38	640
PENNSYLVANIA	291	220	494	17	32	0	1054
POLAND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
QATAR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RIO DE JANEIRO	16	133	0	0	0	0	149
SASKATCHEWAN	16	412	35	1	0	0	464
SINGAPORE	9	0	0	0	0	0	9
SOUTH CAROLINA	206	0	22	13	7	0	248
SOUTH DAKOTA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SOUTHERN AFRICA	61	0	18	0	0	0	79
SPEARHEAD MEDIC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TENNESSEE	511	21	183	36	127	0	878
TEXAS	653	111	1863	66	0	0	2693
VIRGINIA	1168	39	650	59	4	0	1920
WASHINGTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WEST VIRGINIA	98	10	261	24	80	0	473
WYOMING	0	0	119	6	8	0	133
YORKSHIRE & NORTHERN UK	15	6	0	0	0	0	21
YUKON	0	0	24	0	0	0	24
<b>SUBTOTALS</b>	<b>10590</b>	<b>2813</b>	<b>9119</b>	<b>1275</b>	<b>1089</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>25079</b>
OUT OF CHAPTER	718	308	0	106	0	0	1132
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>11308</b>	<b>3121</b>	<b>9119</b>	<b>1381</b>	<b>1089</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>26211</b>

## 1999 - 2004 BTLS Courses by Chapter - As of March 31, 2005

<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ALABAMA	434	845	969	320	174	466	3208
ALASKA	144	43	119	46	89	71	512
ALBERTA	0	1437	1194	808	1157	782	5378
AMEDD	276	776	647	36	25	0	1760
ARGENTINA	0	194	109	165	206	0	674
ARIZONA	356	440	405	353	366	416	2336
ARKANSAS	64	120	129	74	63	58	508
ATLANTIC	61	138	0	162	0	155	516
BERMUDA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BRITISH COLUMBIA	61	150	75	78	17	69	450
CALIFORNIA	1180	1013	975	368	306	573	4415
COLORADO	205	392	465	547	709	433	2751
DMRTI	0	28	161	560	371	112	1232
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	0	0	29	0	0	0	29
FLORIDA	2036	1363	3348	2575	1754	3356	14432
GEM STATE OF IDAHO	0	0	0	0	0	31	31
GEORGIA	752	508	358	513	394	494	3019
GUANAJUATO	384	391	231	218	248	154	1626
ILLINOIS	1313	1089	1106	1185	1390	984	7067
INDIANA	435	393	220	232	281	172	1733
ISLE OF MAN	0	0	0	43	0	35	78
ITALY	408	207	266	230	323	198	1632
JAPAN	420	1831	1258	348	63	0	3920
KENTUCKY	556	401	485	683	285	248	2658
KOREA	0	0	31	117	55	18	221
LOUISIANA	0	51	53	107	56	121	388
MANITOBA	93	60	116	152	0	81	502
MARYLAND	575	585	835	654	670	579	3898
MASSACHUSETTS	193	207	189	235	119	223	1166
MERSEYSIDE/AINTREE	68	34	37	75	49	0	263
MEXICO CITY	0	0	0	0	0	16	16
MICHIGAN	165	0	76	289	301	198	1029
MINNESOTA	423	399	440	512	428	354	2556
MISSISSIPPI	0	0	57	292	222	0	571
MISSOURI	469	482	691	675	1262	849	4428
NEVADA	210	218	117	228	132	151	1056
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	29	25	0	0	0	54
NEW JERSEY	282	199	246	70	0	0	797
NEW YORK	753	686	925	578	525	331	3798
NORTH CAROLINA	1319	2383	1394	1113	1324	1245	8778
NORTH DAKOTA	0	0	0	0	0	64	64
NW TERRITORIES	11	48	32	14	0	137	242
OHIO	2648	1988	2077	2293	2635	2178	13819
OKLAHOMA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ONTARIO	640	545	450	577	636	593	3441
PENNSYLVANIA	1054	1101	932	937	1217	950	6191
POLAND	0	616	612	264	0	0	1492
QATAR	0	0	0	0	214	45	259
RIO DE JANEIRO	149	0	286	381	247	69	1132
SASKATCHEWAN	464	422	521	526	605	314	2852
SINGAPORE	9	0	0	0	0	0	9
SOUTH CAROLINA	248	516	416	231	379	184	1974
SOUTH DAKOTA	0	0	0	183	227	0	410
SOUTHERN AFRICA	79	9	109	75	0	0	272
SPEARHEAD MEDIC	0	0	294	759	497	96	1646
TENNESSEE	878	387	800	802	742	372	3981
TEXAS	2693	882	1856	2207	1864	2913	12415
VIRGINIA	1920	982	1850	1708	2135	1490	10085
WASHINGTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WEST VIRGINIA	473	676	769	781	852	964	4515
WISCONSIN*	0	0	0	0	0	20	20
WYOMING	133	229	55	72	136	75	700
YORKSHIRE & NORTH HEALTH	21	190	169	182	151	165	878
YUKON	24	27	10	14	35	11	121
<b>SUBTOTALS</b>	<b>25079</b>	<b>25710</b>	<b>29019</b>	<b>26647</b>	<b>25935</b>	<b>23613</b>	<b>156003</b>
OUT OF CHAPTER	1132	752	507	792	407	44	3634
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>26211</b>	<b>26462</b>	<b>29526</b>	<b>27439</b>	<b>26342</b>	<b>23657</b>	<b>159637</b>

\* No longer a chapter

# Call for Nominations- July 15 Deadline

BTLS chapter delegates will elect members of the organization's Board of Directors and Speaker and Vice Speaker during the International Trauma Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona in October.

## Board of Directors

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

The seats of incumbents Sabina Braithwaite, MD, FACEP (Virginia), Jim Kelly, EMT-P (Virginia) and Robert Seitz, EMT-P, RN (Pennsylvania) are up for election. All incumbents are eligible for re-election and Mr. Kelly has announced his intention not to stand.

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 to 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.

## Speaker and Vice Speaker

Both the Congress Speaker and Vice Speaker will be elected by the delegates in October. The Speaker chairs the business session of the conference and is assisted by the Vice Speaker. The current Speaker is Vickey Lewis, RN (North Carolina) and the Vice Speaker is William Moore, MD, FACEP (Texas). Both are eligible for re-election.

To make a nomination for any of the positions to be elected, 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**.