

What does PHTLS cover?

PHTLS picks up where the initial educational programs leave off. The course focuses on trauma patients in the prehospital environment—how to identify, manage, and transport them with the highest level of care giving them the greatest chance of survival.

PHTLS students learn to:

- Identify the mechanism of injury
- Recognize life-threatening injuries
- Relate pathophysiology to injuries
- Assess and manage trauma patients
- Perform appropriate interventions

The skills stations in the PHTLS course include:

- Airway Management & Ventilation
- Assessment & Management
- Rapid Extrication
- Spinal Immobilization
- Pediatric Assessment
- Pediatric Immobilization
- Evaluation Scenarios



Local information:



Extending the hand
of education to
those caring for trauma patients
worldwide.



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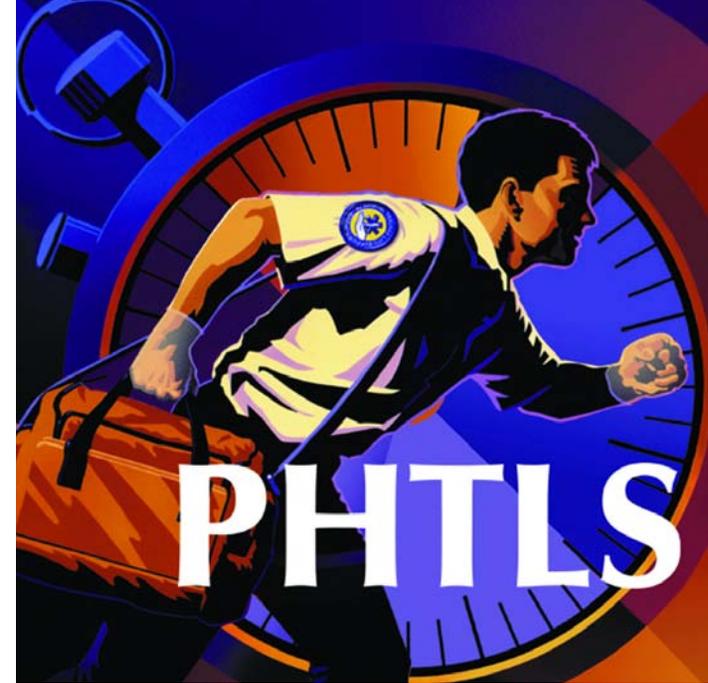


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Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) promotes excellence in trauma patient management by all providers involved in the delivery of prehospital care through global education.

PHTLS is developed by the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians in cooperation with the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma.

What is so special about the PHTLS course?

It's proven. The PHTLS course provides an opportunity to improve the quality of trauma care and has been shown to decrease mortality of trauma patients.

It's critical thinking. PHTLS promotes critical thinking as the foundation for providing quality care. PHTLS has always believed that, given a good fund of knowledge and key principles, EMS providers are capable of making reasoned decisions regarding patient care.

It's authoritative. This leading course is developed by leaders in the field with the oversight of NAEMT backed up by the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma.

It's current. The PHTLS course is continuously updated and revised to keep up with advances in the field, ATLS Guidelines and feedback from PHTLS participants.

It's inclusive. The PHTLS course is now structured to include participation of basic and advanced prehospital care providers, nurses and physicians.

It's big. More than a half million EMTs, paramedics, nurses, and physicians throughout the world—civilian and military—have taken the PHTLS course and are now better prepared to treat severely injured trauma patients.

It supports the profession. Proceeds from the PHTLS program go directly to NAEMT for support of its mission.

It's easy to implement. Enhanced instructor materials and support from an integrated, worldwide network of PHTLS coordinators allow you to focus more energy on teaching and less time on administration.

It's flexible. The PHTLS course can be incorporated into initial EMS training, offered as refresher training, or as a stand-alone course.

It's consistent. The backing and support of an international organization ensures consistency in all PHTLS programs worldwide.

It's rewarding. The PHTLS course helps First Responders, EMTs and paramedics earn continuing education credits. CE credit is also available for nurses and physicians.

Who benefits from PHTLS?

Patients. The PHTLS course provides an opportunity to improve the quality of trauma care in

your area and decrease mortality.

Students. Students in the PHTLS course get a quality education in trauma with a focus on critical thinking.

Instructors. PHTLS instructors receive an array of support - including the support of an integrated, worldwide network of PHTLS coordinators and completely restructured instructor materials.

Hospital Staff. The PHTLS course helps bridge the gap from the field to the hospital by creating a shared learning experience in an environment of mutual respect for EMTs, nurses, and physicians.

The EMS Profession. Proceeds from PHTLS go to support NAEMT.

Course Information and Registration

PHTLS educational courses are offered throughout the United States and in numerous locations around the world. For more information on hosting a course and for course listings, please visit our web site at www.phtls.org or contact the PHTLS office at 800-947-4857.