

POLICY

Emergency Training Requirements

Purpose

The Non-Hospital Medical and Surgical Facilities Accreditation Program (NHMSFAP) Committee is responsible for establishing accreditation standards for non-hospital facilities and ensuring that facilities meet required standards for the quality and safety of service delivery in an accredited non-hospital facility.

The committee may establish standards, rules, policies and guidelines respecting the skills and training necessary for the appointment of medical staff.

This policy addresses the requirements necessary for emergency training for medical staff to practise in non-hospital facilities.

Policy

The NHMSFAP accreditation standard Human Resources states that medical staff must have current basic life support (BLS), advanced cardiac life support (ACLS), pediatric advanced life support (PALS) and airway management courses appropriate to the clinical setting.

The NHMSFAP Committee has directed that **current** be defined as:

- BLS courses must include an in person/hands-on component and be renewed every two years. BLS courses must be designed for health-care professionals (health-care provider or equivalent level).
- ACLS/PALS courses must include an in person/hands-on component and be renewed every two years.
- Difficult airway management courses for anesthesiologists who have not regularly practised in a hospital setting for three years must be renewed every three years. Course content must include both theory and in-person/hands-on components which meet necessary skills competencies for the non-hospital setting.

Medical directors must ensure that providers of emergency training courses meet acceptable theory and in-person/hands-on components. When there is a nationally or internationally recognized body, (e.g. Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada) that publishes guidelines the medical director must ensure third-party course providers instruct in accordance to those guidelines.

Responsibility

| Role | Responsibility |
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| Medical director | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure medical staff are current for emergency training prior to working in a non-hospital facility.• Provide proof of current emergency training with initial medical staff application.• Maintain copies of current certificates for all medical staff in the HR files. |
| NHMSFAP | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review currency for emergency training with initial medical staff applications and during facility accreditation. |
| NHMSFAP Committee | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish standards, rules, policies and guidelines respecting the qualifications necessary for the appointment of clinical staff to nonhospital medical/surgical facilities. |