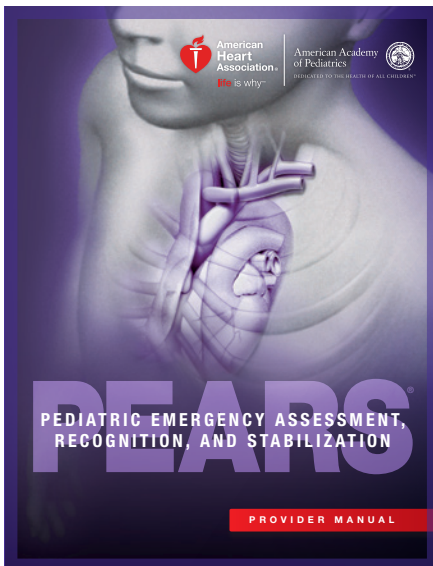


UPDATED WITH GUIDELINES 2015 CPR & ECC

With a severely ill or injured child/infant, symptoms can quickly become life-threatening. To prevent decline of a pediatric patient, providers must be able to quickly assess the symptoms, recognize the underlying cause and stabilize the patient until more advanced care can be provided.

In the AHA's PEARS course, students learn how to use a systematic approach to quickly assess, recognize the cause, and stabilize a pediatric patient in an emergency situation. Students interact with real patient cases, realistic simulations, and animations to assess and stabilize pediatric patients experiencing respiratory emergencies, shock emergencies and cardiopulmonary arrest. This includes applying basic life support, following the pediatric systematic approach and applying high-performance team dynamics. The PEARS course prepares students to provide appropriate lifesaving interventions within the initial minutes of response until a child can be transferred to an advanced life support provider.



WHO SHOULD TAKE THE COURSE?

Healthcare providers and others who might encounter pediatric emergency situations during their work. These include physicians and nurses not specializing in pediatrics, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, emergency medical technicians, respiratory therapists, prehospital and in-hospital healthcare providers (outside of critical-care areas), outpatient clinic staff, and school-based providers.

COURSE COVERS

- Systematic approach to pediatric assessment
- BLS competency testing
- Recognition and stabilization of respiratory emergencies
- Recognition and stabilization of shock emergencies
- Recognition and stabilization of cardiac arrest
- Resuscitation team concept

COURSE DELIVERY

PEARS courses are led by instructors and conducted in the classroom. Using video and presentation technology, instructors deliver course content designed to include both the cognitive portion of training and the psychomotor component of thorough skills practice and testing. Once a student has completed the course and passed the video-based exam with a minimum score of 84%, they will receive a course completion card valid for two years.



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