

This bulletin provides new information about the changes to PHECC's CFR education and training standard.

1. Following the publication of resuscitation guidelines by the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR), PHECC has revised the cardiac first response standard and has reviewed the clinical practice guidelines to support the changes in CFR practice.
2. The titles CFR Community and CFR Advanced have replaced CFR-responder and CFR-practitioner levels respectively.
3. All CFR instructors will be required to complete an **on-line CFR instructor update** prior to teaching CFR (Community and Advanced level) courses (see diagram overleaf). Evidence of successful completion of this update will be required when an instructor undergoes recertification.
4. PHECC is currently developing the on-line CFR instructor update to cover the new knowledge requirements and also to provide you with information about the delivery of the new 2011 CFR courses. The on-line CFR update will be made available at no cost to instructors and will be rolled out over the summer.
5. In response to 2 frequently asked questions:
 - yes all existing CFR instructors must complete PHECC's on-line CFR update; and
 - yes all dual-qualified AHA/IHF and PHECC/IHF instructors must complete PHECC's on-line update, irrespective of whether they have already completed the AHA update.
6. All CFR instructors at practitioner level who wish to pursue the new CFR advanced level of training must, in addition, complete a CFR advanced upskill workshop (see diagram overleaf). New CFR airway and ventilation skills (suctioning, OPA, uncuffed supraglottic airway and Oxygen administration) will be demonstrated during this workshop. If there is a concern about maintaining competency in all the required CFR advanced level skills, PHECC recommends that an instructor seriously consider that CFR community level is more appropriate.
7. Faculty to deliver the proposed CFR Advanced upskill workshops will be selected by the recognised institution. The minimum selection criteria for such faculty include existing CFR practitioner-instructors who have completed the on-line CFR instructor update and can by profession or association demonstrate competency in all the CFR advanced skills.
8. In the future, faculty to train new CFR Advanced instructors will need to be certified CFR advanced-level instructors. Known as CFR advanced instructor trainers they will have demonstrated suitable education and training attainment to teach at this level.
9. PHECC has developed a new CFR DVD, an instructor manual and a student handbook. This new material will be available to purchase in the coming months via www.phecc.ie (PayPal), by email (info@phecc.ie) or by phoning the PHECC office (045)-882042.

10. The awarding of CFR Community and CFR Advanced certificates/cards by recognised institutions is a mandatory requirement of PHECC accreditation. Council schedule of fees (June 2011) has reduced these to cost €2.
11. PHECC will give more detailed instructions regarding where and how instructors can best access the on-line update in follow up correspondence and/or via www.phecc.ie under News/Events.

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