

BRIEFING NOTE

PURPOSE:	Update all references pertaining CPR-HCP to Basic Life Support and revise training requirement
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TOPIC:	CPR-HCP Now Referred as Basic Life Support and Requires Annual Retraining

SITUATION:

Currently, all dentists and staff who work in sedation and general anaesthetic service facilities are required to maintain CPR-Health Care Provider (HCP) level certification. Courses must be renewed at least every two years (i.e. certificates with three-year validity are only counted as two). Courses that are completely online are not acceptable and must contain hands-on components to demonstrate and evaluate psychomotor skills.

BACKGROUND:

Effective August 31, 2016, Heart & Stroke Foundation implemented Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider as a new course to replace CPR Healthcare Providers. Courses taken through Heart & Stroke Foundation require annual retraining. However, Red Cross providers still offered CPR-HCP courses with certificates valid up to three years. As such, the Sedation & General Anaesthetic Services Committee required certification level CPR-HCP or equivalent.

As of January 1, 2019, Red Cross referred CPR-HCP as Basic Life Support and requires registrants to retrain annually.

ASSESSMENT:

Clinical staff working with sedation and general anaesthesia must be current with BLS and be able to manage emergency situations.

BLS Provider is required because registrants must know how to use a manual resuscitator or “self-inflating bag” (Ambu bag). This component is not taught in CPR – Level C.



RECOMMENDATION:

Clinical staff who are part of the sedation and/or general anaesthetic team are required to have current Basic Life Support Provider level certification. As per Heart & Stroke Foundation and Red Cross, annual retraining is required to maintain currency.

All references to CPR-HCP in Minimal & Moderate Sedation, Deep Sedation, and General Anaesthetic Services Standards & Guidelines be updated to Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider.

RELEVANT ATTACHMENTS:

Heart and Stroke Foundation BLS Course Description [link](#).
(link will be accessible via this document in the board portal)

NEXT STEPS:

Update Minimal and Moderate Sedation, Deep Sedation, and General Anaesthetic Services Standards & Guidelines as well as Sedation and General Anaesthesia Homepage to reflect the recommended amendments.