ACLS Prep: ECG & Pharmacology Courses
FAQs

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Q: **What are the ACLS Prep: ECG and ACLS Prep: Pharmacology courses?**
A: Specifically designed to address key knowledge gaps in Electrocardiogram (ECG) and Pharmacology, the American Heart Association's ACLS Prep: ECG and ACLS Prep: Pharmacology eLearning courses are focused on specific ECG recognition skills and drug treatment knowledge.

Q: **What is the format for these courses?**
A: The ACLS Prep: ECG and ACLS Prep: Pharmacology are self-directed eLearning courses, featuring online content, illustrations, and interactive exercises.

Q: **Who is the target audience for the ACLS Prep courses?**
A: These courses are designed for students preparing to take an AHA Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) Course. Additionally, these courses are ideal for the following audiences:

ACLS Prep: ECG
Healthcare professionals who require basic rhythm recognition skills related to the ACLS algorithms. This includes telemetry staff, non-critical/emergency nurses, emergency medical services personnel, respiratory therapists, physician assistants, non-critical/emergency physicians, and dentists.

ACLS Prep: Pharmacology
Healthcare professionals who require basic drug interaction understanding related to the ACLS algorithms. This includes non-critical/emergency nurses, emergency medical services personnel, respiratory therapists, physician assistants, non-critical/emergency physicians, and dentists.

Q: **Why were the ACLS Prep: ECG and ACLS Prep: Pharmacology courses created?**
A: ECG recognition skills and drug treatment knowledge have been identified as key gaps in knowledge for ACLS students.

The AHA recognized that without strong competency in either ECG recognition or drug treatment knowledge related to the ACLS algorithms, success completing an ACLS Course for the healthcare provider is more difficult.

As a result, these courses were designed to address those knowledge gaps and serve as a precourse option for ACLS students needing to improve ECG recognition skills and drug treatment knowledge, or for ACLS students who in general need to refresh their skills and knowledge. It was also created for anyone wanting to gain knowledge in ECG recognition and pharmacology.

Q: **What are the learning objectives for each course?**
A: Upon successful completion of these courses, students should be able to do the following:

ACLS Prep: ECG
- Explain heart anatomy and basic electrophysiology
- Explain normal ECG measurements
- Recognize and understand the basic arrhythmias

ACLS: Prep: Pharmacology
- List basic ACLS medications and their usage
- Identify ACLS medication doses and routes of administration during cardiovascular emergencies
- Apply basic pharmacology into the ACLS algorithms

Q: **What are the course completion requirements?**
A: Students must complete the eLearning component, followed by the course completion survey. They will then be able to download a Certificate of Completion and claim Continuing Education (CE) credits.

Q: **Do students receive a certificate or eCard?**
A: Upon successful completion of each course, students will receive a Certificate of Completion. No eCard is provided for these courses.

Q: **Approximately how long does it take to complete the ACLS Prep: ECG or ACLS Prep: Pharmacology Course?**
A: Approximate course completion times for each course are as follows:

ACLS Prep: ECG – 2 hours
ACLS Prep: Pharmacology – 1 hour

Q: **Do the ACLS Prep: ECG and ACLS Prep: Pharmacology courses offer continuing education credits?**
A: Yes, continuing education credits are offered for both courses.

Q: **How do students purchase and access the ACLS Prep Courses?**
A: These courses can be purchased on ShopCPR.Heart.org (or WorldPoint for specific customers). They can be purchased individually or bundled together. Once purchased or issued to a student, the courses can be accessed on eLearning.Heart.org.

Q: **Where do students access the course bundle on eLearning.Heart.org?**
A: Students can access the courses by clicking on their name on the top right of the screen, selecting **My Courses** from the drop down, and clicking on the **Bundles** tab.