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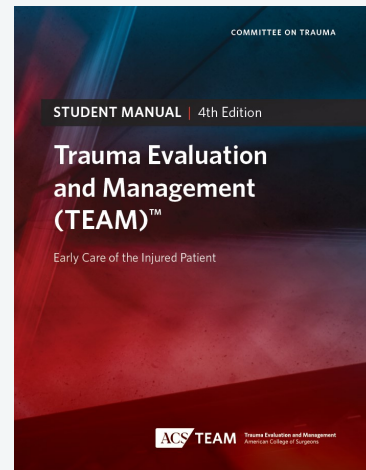
The ACS Committee on Trauma is grateful for your commitment to trauma education and quality patient care.

WHAT'S NEW

TEAM 4th Edition Has Launched

Trauma Evaluation and Management (TEAM) is an introductory course for medical providers with limited experience or knowledge on the initial management of trauma patients. The course:

- Aligns with the findings and best practices of the upcoming 11th edition of the Advanced Trauma Life Support® (ATLS®) course
- Incorporates ACS Stop the Bleed skills
- Features redesigned materials
- Is available in English and Spanish with plans to launch in Brazilian Portuguese and French
- Uses the Course Management System (CMS) for course registration and resources



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Register Your Next TEAM Course on the CMS

The ACS Trauma Education team is planning webinars for later this year to share more about the content, intended learners, and how to offer a successful TEAM course by maneuvering the CMS. Additional information can be found [here](#) and on the [ACS Trauma Education website](#).

Advanced Practice Providers Are Heeding the Call

Advanced practice providers (APPs) are taking advantage of the opportunity to become part of the ATLS Faculty. Help us honor and congratulate two new Associate Instructor candidates.

“The process has been very smooth. Working with the ACS to obtain the Associate Instructor Potential designation was great, and the College was supportive throughout the process. My trauma medical director and the entire Inova trauma team have been supportive as well. Shock Trauma made getting into an instructor course simple, and I felt their excitement to have me join them. I’m looking forward to the course and obtaining my certification to take on the Associate Instructor role.”

— **Adam DeMey, PA-C, Fairfax, Virginia**

“I’m honored to be recognized as one of the first APPs to receive the Associate Instructor Potential designation and complete the ATLS Instructor Course. This experience has been challenging and rewarding, enhancing my skills in trauma assessment and boosting my confidence in teaching lifesaving interventions in high-stakes situations. As a Captain in the US Army Reserve and an acute care nurse practitioner in the Trauma Surgical Intensive Care Unit, I’m excited to bring these

advanced teaching skills into both of my work settings. I encourage fellow APPs to consider this pathway. It's a unique opportunity to contribute meaningfully to trauma education and make a lasting impact through teaching and mentorship within the ATLS community."

— **Edward Stene, NP, Hershey, Pennsylvania**

As of September 2024, APPs may become ATLS Associate Instructors, teaching under the supervision of the ATLS Course Director. For more information, email traumaeducation@facs.org.

New MyATLS App Content Is Available Every 2 Weeks

More than 3,000 individuals across the globe have downloaded the MyATLS app. New content, such as quiz questions, flash cards, and just-in-time videos, is added every 2 weeks—on Trauma Tuesdays. The ATLS 10 MyATLS app is available in the Apple Store and Google Play for a one-time fee of \$9.99. Gaming functionality, ATLS 11 content, and a new pricing structure will launch with ATLS 11 in summer 2025. Visit the [ACS website](#) for additional information and direct links to the app stores.

IMPORTANT DATES

ACS System Outage Is Canceled

As you know, the ACS had scheduled an IT upgrade for December 5–December 9, impacting all courses that use the CMS and/or Learning Management System (LMS) for ATLS. **This outage has been canceled and will be rescheduled for some time in 2025.** Courses taking place in and/or around this timeframe can proceed as scheduled; the CMS and LMS will be available. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience. Contact traumaeducation@facs.org with any questions.

Registration for ATLS Global Symposium Will Open Soon

The ATLS Global Symposium planning is well underway, with an excellent program being finalized. Registration will open in early December. The Global Symposium will be held Friday, March 14–Sunday, March 16, 2025, in Chicago, Illinois. Highlights include:

- ATLS 11 Manual release
- Overview of the ATLS 11 launch
- Learning Labs simulating the new ATLS 11 skills stations

- ATLS Educator and Coordinator tracks
- Presentations of peer-reviewed proposals from participants around the globe on topics such as:
 - Artificial intelligence in trauma education
 - Rural trauma care
 - Reaching learners in austere environments and countries at war
- Networking opportunities
- Award presentations
- Updates on new ACS Trauma Education courses

Additional detailed information can be found on the [ACS website](#), which will continue to be updated. We hope to see many of you in Chicago for a productive, exciting, and fun meeting!



Annual Meeting

ATLS Global Symposium

March 12–16 | Chicago, IL

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COORDINATOR REMINDERS

ATLS Auditor Completion Letters Are Now Available

Once an Auditor completes an ATLS Course, they are eligible to receive an ATLS Auditor Completion Letter. This serves as documentation of participation and successful completion of the ATLS course. Site coordinators should contact the Trauma Education Customer Service team at traumaeducation@facs.org for the personalized letter to send to the auditor. Remember that auditors must be officially tagged and enrolled as such in the CMS. Great news! The next CMS upgrade (expected in summer 2025) will include an automatically generated email with an Auditor Certificate of Completion. Email traumaeducation@facs.org for more information.

Save Learner Information on ATLS Cards, Certificates

Sending ATLS cards and certificates to ATLS participants is a very important part of the postcourse process. Remember to “Save” any changes/updates to learner information within the "Results" section before submitting courses. Not saving the changes will delay the accurate processing of learner information, which is used for a variety of credentialing purposes. If you have questions or need assistance, contact traumaeducation@facs.org.

Use Additional Identifiers for Course Roster Participants

When adding a learner or faculty member to your course, check to ensure that the person is the one you are intending to add. ATLS is a global program and possesses a database with thousands of people with varying roles. It is not uncommon for more than one individual to have the same name. Using additional identifiers such as ATLS ID#s and home and/or email addresses when searching for and confirming your roster list will significantly decrease the chances of enrolling someone who is not associated with your particular course. If you need assistance searching for and adding people to your course roster, contact traumaeducation@facs.org.

Spotlight

Melissa “Missy” has been an ATLS coordinator for more than 10 years in Sanford Medical Center Fargo in North Dakota. Recently, Missy successfully coordinated an ATLS host course (formerly demonstration course) in Kosova.

Thanks to her dedication to trauma education, we have been able to promulgate Kosova and provide trauma education around the world. During the 3rd Annual Congress of the Kosova College of Surgeons (KCS), the Sanford Medical promulgation team was honored with the prestigious “Excellent Partnership Award” by the KCS. Thank you, Missy, for your amazing work!



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