

**Medical Staff of Providence Regional Medical Center Everett
Medical Staff Policy**

LIFE SUPPORT TRAINING

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Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)

Practitioners who routinely manage Code 4's should possess the skills and knowledge necessary to perform competently and in keeping with the expected standards of care. Practitioners (emergency physicians, physician assistants working in the Emergency Departments, anesthesiologists, and CRNAs) must provide documentation of current training and competence in this area at the time of their appointment and/or reappointment. The American Heart Association Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) guidelines are recognized and accepted. Therefore, completion of an AHA ACLS course or its equivalent within the past two years will be sufficient. See below for equivalency.

Equivalent Training for ACLS (satisfies the requirement for two years)

1. ACLS: "Equivalent" training is defined as (1) attending the educational review covering the AHA ACLS guidelines, including rhythm recognition, drugs, and other matters as necessary; or (2) completing any of the equivalent programs approved by the Credentials Committee listed below.
2. Equivalent training may include other programs as deemed equivalent by the Credentials Committee. (See list of approved equivalent programs.) Practitioners may request that other programs be added to the attached list by submitting course outlines to the Credentials Committee for evaluation.

Exemption

Practitioners who have been in a residency or fellowship program within the past two years will be exempt from requirements for ACLS, unless the life support training is required by privileging criteria.

Programs approved by the Credentials Committee as ACLS equivalent:

Current Board Certifications

Emergency Medicine
Critical Care
Pulmonology
Anesthesiology
Cardiology
Cardiac Surgery

Current Courses

Online ACLS classes sponsored by the American Heart Association