

NDLS™ Training

CDLS™- Core Disaster Life Support is an instructor-led course designed for all public health care personnel and social workers, clergy, and mental health personnel, administrators and planners. CDLS is intended to provide a basic uniform standard of competencies, skills and knowledge to health care and public health responders for WMD response.

BDLS™- Basic Disaster Life Support addresses the need to standardize emergency response and treatment for mass disasters, terrorism and other public health emergencies. BDLS is intended to provide an intermediate, uniform standard of competencies, skills and knowledge to front line health care and public health responders for WMD response. It focuses equally on the clinical and public health aspects of disaster. This course is geared to the needs of physicians, physician assistants, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, allied health professionals, public health professionals and veterinarians.

ADLS™- Advanced Disaster Life Support is an advanced practicum of the principles introduced in Basic Disaster Life Support™ (BDLS™) designed for persons on specialized response teams. ADLS is intended to provide an advanced, uniform standard of competencies, skills and knowledge to front line health care and public health responders for WMD response. Successful completion of the BDLS™ course is a prerequisite. This is a two-day course consisting of eight hours of didactic training and eight hours of hands-on training on an Emergency Care Simulator.

For current schedules of times and locations for course presentations, please visit our webpage at www.demrt.org and the NDLSF webpage at www.bdls.org.



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Dental Emergency Responder (DER)

In the wake of many mass casualty incidences, both man-made and natural, domestically and abroad, the role of all health professionals in disaster response is being reevaluated. Please visit the DEMRT webpage (www.demrt.org) for full text of the ADA-ADEA Association Report on incorporating bioterrorism into dental education. In this paper, oral health professionals have been recognized as a key population in disaster response. The dental disaster responder role has been discussed post September 11, 2001 by numerous leading dental and medical policy experts. All argue for fundamental changes to the modern day dental curriculum; changes that reflect training oral health care providers to be able to respond to mass disaster.

Including oral health professionals in disaster response requires two actions: 1) establishing legal protection for dental emergency responders and 2) providing standardized training for all responders which will promote seamless integration between agencies and professions as required by the National Incident Management System.



Meeting Challenges

The first criterion was addressed with the passage of Illinois Public Act 49-409 which defines the Dental Emergency Responder. This act includes providing medical care within the scope of practice of any dentist or dental hygienist who is appropriately certified in emergency medical response during a declared local, state, or national emergency. This act will become effective January 1, 2006. Full text of Public Act 49-409 can be found on the DEMRT website (www.demrt.org).

The second criterion is met by implementation of the National Disaster Life Support curricula in training for Dental Emergency Responders. Basic Disaster Life Support provides an overview of disaster response including an introduction to Incident Command, triage methods for Mass Casualty Incidences, response considerations for natural disasters, chemical, biological, nuclear, explosive, or radiological events, and post-event recovery. In addition, different roles the Dental Emergency Responder might play in each of these events are highlighted and contact information for local and state response agencies are provided.

Why take BDLS?

There are two reasons to enroll in BDLS training.

First, BDLS is one of the current entry level certificates for the Illinois Medical Reserve Corps, the Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team, and INVENT teams. If you have any interest in disaster response, this course will help you define the directions you may be interested in pursuing.

Second, BDLS provides information on what to expect if there is a disaster in your community. Familiarity with Incident Command and treatment paradigms will help you and those close to you cope with stressful events surrounding a disaster. Participants will learn how to recognize signs of a potential biological agent infection in patient populations and will know what precautions to take to avoid exposure.

Whether the participant is interested in becoming a DER or is simply curious about all-hazard preparedness, BDLS will offer a wealth of useful information.

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