

THE ATLS ADVANCE

NEW ONLINE FEATURES

ATLS coordinators, state chairs, and Web contacts can now view Teaching Histories of ATLS faculty members through the online course management system. To utilize this application, click on the "Person Maintenance" tab at the bottom of your course-management screen. The system will take you to a search screen, where you enter in the faculty member's name or ATLS ID number. Note: Searching with one field works better than searching with multiple fields. Once you locate the faculty member's name, click on the "Select" link next to his or her name. The system will allow you to view or save his or her ATLS teaching history. Please remember that this information is *confidential* and **only** for the use of conducting an approved ATLS course.

RULE REVISIONS...

This notice concludes our highlight of the rule revisions that will take place with the release of the *8th Edition Student and Faculty Manuals*.

- Sites no longer need permission from the state chair to order hard copy laminated prints of the X rays; orders will be approved by the ATLS office upon request.

(Please note: Electronic copies of all X rays will be provided on the DVD accompanying all 8th Edition Faculty Manuals. Additional copies of the DVD will be available for purchase from the ATLS office.)

- The rule that coordinators must attend or coordinate at least one instructor course every four years has been eliminated.
- Color-coded cards will be given to doctors and physician extenders who successfully complete a student course as well as Instructors, Coordinators, and Educators. Coordinators and Educators will receive an expiration date and card upon completion of the 8th edition update.

CONTENT SUBMISSION REQUEST

The ATLS Office is accepting idea submissions to be featured in an upcoming issue of the *ATLS Advance*. Please contact Danielle S. Haskin at dhaskin@facs.org or call 312/202-5388 for idea submission or questions regarding the content of the *ATLS Advance*.

"ATLS is now in over 50 countries around the world."

COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Jenny A. Linch, ATLS Coordinator in Ecuador, minimizes the volume of questions she receives during courses by posting a "general schedule" at each course. She creates an easy-to-read chart for faculty, participants, and staff to follow all events step-by-step. It includes information based on the most frequently asked questions, such as: How long do I have for this station? Who is supposed to be in charge of a particular lecture? Where is the bathroom located? Where can I get a cup of coffee? Where will the testing take place?

The regular course schedule remains untouched and is distributed to faculty and participants in their course folders. The general schedule is posted on the bulletin board outside the lecture room, as well as in the faculty meeting room. Jenny has found that the general schedule has proven to be quite valuable to the administrative secretary and the course coordinator in keeping track of time, minimizing repetitive questions, and running the course as smoothly as possible.

Thank you, Jenny, for sharing one of your best practices with the rest of the ATLS Team! The Coordinator's Corner is a place for coordinators to share their best practices with other sites. Do you have a best practice to share with other coordinators? Please submit your idea to Danielle S. Haskin at dhaskin@facs.org or call 312/202-5388.



WE'RE ON THE WEB! SEE US AT:
www.facs.org/trauma/atls/index.html

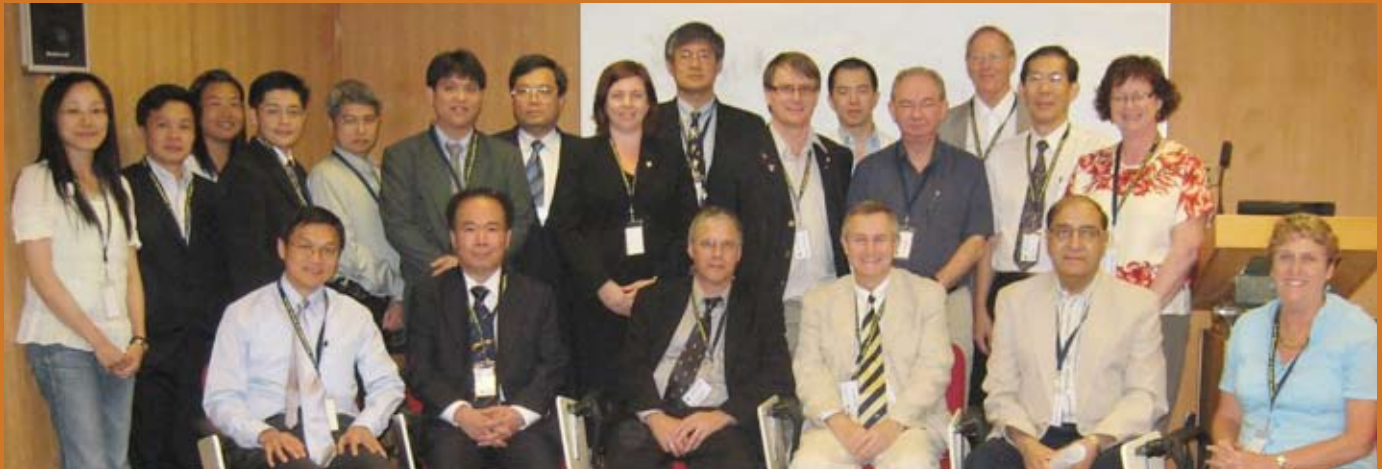
SAVE THE DATES

The **ATLS International Meeting** will be held in San Francisco on October 11-12, 2008.

The **94th Annual Clinical Congress** will be held in San Francisco on October 12-16, 2008.

"To improve the care of the surgical patient."

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1ST REGION XVI MEETING

The first Australasian meeting took place this past May in Hong Kong. Representatives from all of the countries in the region (except Indonesia) were present to discuss how each country runs courses, as well as to assist each other in problem solving. Lesley Dunstall of Australia (bottom row, right) helped Pakistan train a core group of coordinators. An update on new 8th Edition ATLS materials was presented by Will Chapleau, ATLS Program Manager (third from left, bottom row). The next meeting will be in Singapore on April 6, 2009.

WELCOME JASMINE!

The ATLS Program office is pleased to introduce Jasmine Alkhatib, the new coordinator for the Latin American Region (XIV). Born and raised in Chicago, Jasmine came to the ACS from the LaSalle Network, where she recruited for positions in accounting, finance, office services, and executive management. A graduate of Northwestern University, Jasmine enjoys reading, bicycling, cooking, yoga, and spending time with friends in her spare time. Welcome to the ATLS team, Jasmine!



ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION...

The American College of Surgeons (ACS) was founded in 1913 to raise the standards of surgical practice and to improve the care of the surgical patient. The College has worked to establish guidelines for the care of the trauma patient. The Advanced Trauma Life Support Course teaches a systematic, concise approach to the early care of the trauma patient. This course is vital to guiding care for the injured patient in emergency department trauma rooms. The course training provides a common language that can save lives in critical situations.

NEW STATE CHAIRS

We would like to welcome the state chairs who were appointed during 2008:

Kimberly Davis (CT)	Tarek S. A. Razek (QC)
Felix A. Garcia-Perez (NJ)	James R. Dunne (N)
Patrick M. Reilly (PA)	Homer Tien (Canadian Military)
Richard Sidwell (IA)	Renato Bessa de Melo (Portugal)
Jonathan M. Dort (KS)	Philip Trussett (Australia)
Bryan R. Troop (MS)	
Frank R. Kennedy (Chief-9)	
James W. Davis (N. CA)	
Raul Coimbra (San Diego)	
Deborah A. Kuhls (NV)	
Sarvesh Logsetty (MB)	
Paul R. Hayes (SK)	
Guy Brisseau (Maritime)	

More than **1,700** ATLS faculty members have completed the online 8th edition update.

The 8th edition of the ATLS Student and Faculty Manuals will be available in October!

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