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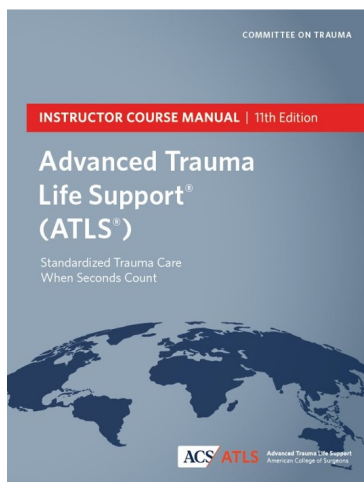
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ATLS 11 Instructor and Refresher Courses Have Launched



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The Advanced Trauma Life Support® (ATLS®) 11 Instructor Course and Refresher Course launched last week. Check out the courses' materials in the "Resources" tab of the Course Management System (CMS). The 11th Edition Refresher Course includes full access to all ATLS 11th Edition videos and online modules. While only some of these materials are required for the course, the full access allows learners to explore all the content—both as part of the course and afterward. The 11th Edition Refresher Course includes sample schedules for full- and half-day sessions, as well as with and without skills stations.

ATLS 11 Update Courses Are Required for Teaching Eligibility

Completion of the online [Update Courses](#) is essential for everyone involved in delivering ATLS. In addition to content/presentations highlighting changes from ATLS 10 to 11, the Update Courses feature many of the ATLS 11 education components, including Manuals, Online Modules, and Videos, for easy access and review. Completing the Update Course automatically tags profiles in the CMS, documenting one's eligibility to teach/coordinate ATLS 11. Site Coordinators will not be able to add any Instructor, Educator, or Course Director to an ATLS 11 faculty roster unless their role-specific 11th Edition Update Course has been completed. Successful completion of the Update Course will be indicated by an Edition 11 tag on each individual's CMS record. For additional information and ongoing updates, visit the [ATLS website](#).

Explore the Latest CMS Enhancements

Based on your feedback, we explored every opportunity to make course management more convenient, resulting in several new enhancements—many of which debuted with ATLS 11. [Click here](#) for detailed descriptions of the updates.

Submit Nomination for Trauma Education Awards

The [Call for Nominations](#) for 2025/2026 ATLS and Trauma Education-related awards is now open.

Awards include:

- Styner Meritorious Service Award
- International Meritorious Service Award
- ATLS Educator of the Year Award
- ATLS Coordinator of the Year Award (US/Canada and International)

To promote a transparent and effective approach to the annual ATLS and Trauma Education-related awards, a more structured selection process recently was developed. Nominations will be reviewed and evaluated by a Committee on Trauma (COT) workgroup, and awards will be announced and presented during the 2026 ATLS Global Symposium.

[Submit a Nomination](#)

Make Plans to Attend 2026 ATLS Global Symposium

The 2026 ATLS Global Symposium will take place March 13–15 in Birmingham, Alabama. Hosted by the ACS COT, this international event brings together trauma care educators, clinicians, and leaders to explore the next era of ATLS through the theme “Global Unity, Local Impact: Advancing ATLS & Trauma Education Everywhere.” The program will feature 3 days of inspiring sessions, with an optional Resident and Fellow Trauma Paper Competition on Thursday, March 12. Continuing Medical Education credit will be available.

Registration will open in December, but hotel rooms at the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel, the official host venue, are [available to book now](#).

[Learn more](#) about the 2026 ATLS Global Symposium.

Global Symposium Call for Posters Is Underway

The Call for Poster Proposals is open for the upcoming Global Symposium. This is an opportunity for educators, clinicians, administrators, and change-makers to share how trauma education—especially the ATLS program—is adapted, scaled, and sustained across diverse settings, whether through rigorous investigation (Scientific Category) or pragmatic, high-impact solutions (Best Practices Category). [Click here](#) for more information and a survey link to submit. The submission deadline is October 15.

Call for ATLS 11 Videos Is Coming Soon

Start capturing your ATLS 11 successes now. In the coming months, the Trauma Education team will invite submissions of videos showcasing ATLS 11 implementation in action for inclusion in the 2026 ATLS Global Symposium. Selected videos will be used to enhance learning and discussion during track-specific and cross-track workshops, highlighting diverse approaches and best practices from around the world. More information will be shared soon.

Use ATLS 10 Materials ASAP

Since ATLS 11 has officially launched, all sites and Coordinators are urged to use all 10th Edition Learning Management System passes and manuals as soon as possible. ATLS 10 will be available until July 2026, and there will be no refunds or exchanges for unused ATLS 10 material. Contact traumaeducation@facs.org with any questions.

Eligible Orgs Must Submit Tax Removal Request

Sales tax is automatically applied to all invoices for Trauma Education manuals, learning management passes, and other supplies. Prior to payment, all tax-exempt organizations

must contact traumaeducation@facs.org with a request to remove the sales tax. This will help ensure timely delivery of supplies and avoid the payment refund process.

ATLS 11 Resources Are Now Password Protected

In order to maintain the educational integrity of all ATLS 11 courses, the pretest, post-test, and patient assessment scenarios located under the CMS “Resources” tab are password protected. All Site Coordinators, Instructors, Educators, and Course Directors can access these materials by using ATLS11 as the password. Contact traumaeducation@facs.org with any questions.

ATLS Relaunches in China with 11th Edition Courses

The relaunch of ATLS in China marked an exciting milestone, with the first official ATLS 11 courses held earlier this month. Following more than a year of careful planning, the courses proved to be a resounding success. This achievement was made possible through the remarkable dedication and motivation of the leadership, faculty, and staff of the Shenzhen Medical Doctor Association and The University of Hong Kong–Shenzhen Hospital, as well as the generous support of ATLS Hong Kong, Singapore, and Malaysia. Representatives from each of these regions traveled to Mainland China to contribute to the teaching of ATLS 11, underscoring the spirit of collaboration. The outstanding facilities, thorough preparation, and unwavering commitment of all involved stand as a model for ATLS programs worldwide.

Congratulations to all involved and special recognition goes to:

- Dr. Shan Zhong, President, Shenzhen Medical Doctor Association
- Qin Lin, MS, Director of General Office, ATLS China Program Manager, Shenzhen Medical Doctor Association
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- Dr. Goo Zhen Qiang, Co-Chair, ATLS Malaysia, The College of Surgeons, Academy of Medicine of Malaysia
- Dr. Tham Kum Ying, Senior Educator, ATLS Singapore



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