

Dear fellow Directors,

Here is a summary of the changes to the course and administration that you'll need to be aware of and alert your faculty to:

### Course Revisions

- **Airway teaching and testing:** Cuffed tubes have been damaging the infant manikins. Sizes 3/3.5 cuffed tubes have been removed from the kits. Also, LMA testing is no longer a requirement of the airway test.
- **Videos to support Thoracic Workshop.** Tracey Merriman succinctly describes thoracic anatomy (5 mins) and describes a technique for chest insertion (7 mins). This is predominately based on the 6e manual (with a few pearls from her experience). QR codes/link addresses have been added to the end of the Trauma Plenary and are displayed for candidates prior to Day 3 skill stations.
- **Revision of Transport Workshop.** Feedback from faculty reports describe a loss of candidate participation in this workshop. A review of the format and reduction in supporting PowerPoint slides is being trialled over the next few months.
- **7e: final proof reading of UK version in April.**
- **Release of Revised Pre-course online learning** – is planned for the second half of 2023
- **Scenarios** and ALSi settings have been updated as a result of course feedback (Illness 6/7, Cardiac 5)

### Faculty Development

- **The Educational Skills Development Course (ESDC).** 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> August. Please submit your expression of interest via the link on the APLS Website by June 1st. This program is being offered at cost of \$1,450. Scholarships available for those without access to Professional Development funding.
- **Instructor Day 2023.** Hold the date 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023. (Directors workshop on afternoon 16<sup>th</sup> November). Plans are for a program that provides practical application of facilitation skills. No cost for Instructor Day program
- **Coaching on Courses** – see notes from John Gavranich on website under course materials/ instructor development

### Course Administration – refunding expenses.

- **Expensify/Reimbursements:** for APLS to responsibly manage costs, please submit your claims **within 7 days of participating in a course.** Use of apps for UBER and Expensify facilitate this process for you. If you are having difficulties -for APLS Courses (aplscourses@apls.org.au) 03 7003 7615. Refresher/GIC courses Refresher Courses (faculty@apls.org.au) or 03 7003 7619
- **Faculty Feedback** – If you have comments or suggestions for the office, CEO, committees and or the Board - please use the QR code (ask the co-ordinator). This generates a report that is viewed monthly by the relevant teams.
- **Via MyAPLS and My Courses** -Accommodation and Faculty dinner venues are listed for the courses you are attending. (Faculty and Candidate lists are also available for CDs and Coaches. Also a Course Directors 'hub' is under development so that link will be on your MyAPLS page soon.)

Course Director Update

As always- thanks for your commitment to APLS- improving the management of seriously ill and injured children in Australia and overseas. Our strength is in our volunteers.



**Jacque Schutz and Andrew Blanch on behalf of the Board, IDC and CDC**