

	Institutional Policy	
	Policy Name	Life Support Certification for Providers with Privileges
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POLICY STATEMENT

To support a culture of patient safety, we require certain Licensed Independent Practitioners with patient care privileges to have current life support certification. Acceptable training may have the classroom portion completed online, but must include an in-person skills review, thus qualifying for AHA accreditation.

SCOPE

This policy applies to certain NJH providers with privileges granted through the Medical Staff mechanism. Privileged providers are required to supply proof of current life support certification to Medical Staff Services upon renewal of certification, or when requested to do so.

GUIDELINES

- A. All providers who serve as Medical Officer on Duty (MOD) must have either Advanced Life Support (ACLS), or Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), as applicable to their practice location/specialty.
- B. All providers with privileges for invasive procedures, or to provide anesthesia, mild or moderate sedation, must have ACLS, or PALS. Anesthesiologists, and CRNAs must have at least ACLS, and also have PALS if caring for pediatric patients.
- C. Anyone who serves on behalf of NJH as an attending provider to inpatients is required to have ACLS, or PALS as applicable to their specialty, and must meet specific life support certification requirements for each facility where they provide patient care.
- D. All providers in the Immediate Care Clinic must have both ACLS and PALS.
- E. All providers who supervise cardiac stress tests must have ACLS.
- F. Some providers are required to have BLS as follows:
 - Any physician or APP serving as the attending provider on the PPU who does not have ACLS
 - Pediatric Allergists seeing adult patients at the Highlands Ranch clinic
 - All providers at Northern and Western Oncology
- G. Providers who have current ACLS or PALS certification are not required to have concurrent BLS certification.
- H. Advanced Practice Providers must have life support certification as outlined above, or if mandated in their job description. Medical Staff Services will only track certification if the APP is required to be certified relative to items A through D above.

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