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	Title: Life Support Certification Requirements		
	Department: Medical Staff Services		
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POLICY STATEMENT

To support a culture of patient safety, we require all providers 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 all NJH providers with privileges granted through the Medical Staff mechanism. Privileged providers must supply proof of current life support certification to Medical Staff Services upon renewal of certification or when requested to do so.

GUIDELINES

- A. Providers who fall into the following categories must have either ACLS or PALS as applicable to their practice location, patient population and specialty:
 - a. Providers who serve in an emergency response role
 - b. Providers with privileges for invasive procedures
 - c. Providers with privileges to provide mild or moderate sedation
 - d. Providers who serve at, or on behalf of, NJH as an attending provider to inpatients
 - e. Providers who supervise cardiac stress tests
- B. Anesthesiologists and CRNAs must have at least ACLS, and must also have PALS if caring for pediatric patients
- C. Providers in the Immediate Care Clinic must have both ACLS and PALS
- D. All other providers with privileges must have BLS
 - Pathologists are exempt and do not need to have BLS
- E. Pediatric Allergists seeing adult patients at the Highlands Ranch clinic must have BLS

We do not require providers who have current ACLS or PALS certification to also have concurrent BLS certification.