

**Memorandum**

To: Revive Customers  
From: Directors  
Subject: New ERC Basic Life Support Guidelines  
Date: 01 January 2006

On the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2005 the European Resuscitation Council and the UK Resuscitation Council published on their website the new Basic Life Support Protocols for lay persons and healthcare professionals. The new protocols cover cardio-pulmonary life support, advisory external defibrillation and choking for adults, children and infants. The new protocols are due for official publication this month in the International Journal 'Resuscitation'.

The Council's do not state when companies should start to implement the new protocols and make the point that the current ones are not 'wrong' but rather have been updated based on new evidence and feedback.

We have taken the decision as a company to teach the new protocols in our courses from 1 February 2006 for our First Aid at Work Courses, and from January for our EAP courses. This will enable us to update all our staff and ensure that the presentations and handouts are also updated appropriately. Where necessary text books will be updated with either the new protocols or with an errata sheet inserted.

Some of your staff may work with the voluntary societies or may have undertaken training elsewhere or heard of the new protocols. Our decision to implement in January means that we will be one of the first to implement the new guidelines, however your staff should continue to use their current teaching until any updated course is provided to them. As highlighted by the ERC the previous protocols are not wrong, rather the new ones are simply an update based on additional evidence.

Should either yourself, your training officers or any of your staff have any queries about the new protocols prior to implementation in January please do not hesitate to contact either myself or the Training Director, John Amos.

Yours sincerely

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