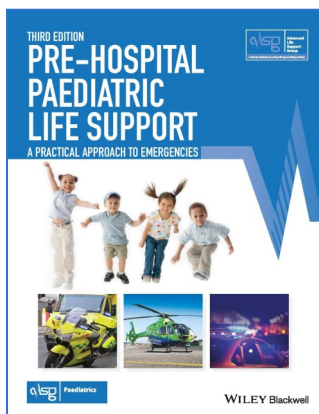




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PHPLS

Pre-Hospital Paediatric Life Support

The PHPLS course provides the knowledge and practical procedures necessary for effective treatment of childhood emergencies prior to hospital admission: major incident injury; life-threatening acute illnesses to which children with other underlying chronic diseases may be prone; the child suffering from the progressive effects of trauma. Prompt recognition and immediate effective treatment improves the life chances for these children.

Furthermore, the seriously ill and/or injured child needs to be treated as an individual and there are four key differences that determine treatment: weight; anatomy; physiology and psychology.

The course focuses on how to recognise and effectively manage the treatment of a seriously ill and/or injured child, using a structured approach; how to triage, providing appropriate life-saving treatment; how to assess the most appropriate form of transportation; and teaches the ASHICE format for pre-hospital communication: age, sex, history, injuries/illness, current condition, expected time and mode of arrival at an ECD.

PHPLS curriculum and key information

The programme comprises online e-modules followed by a 2-day face-to-face course. The course is run throughout the UK and overseas and the cost varies across centres.

12 e-module topics

- Recognition and management of the seriously ill child
- Airway and breathing
- Packaging and transport
- Recognition and management of the seriously injured child
- Chronic conditions
- Child and the law
- Pain
- Special circumstances
- Dealing with major incidents
- Child with breathing difficulties
- Shock
- Child with convulsions and decreased conscious level

2-day face-to-face course

Lectures

- Welcome and aims and setting the scene

Demonstration

- Cardiac/illness simulation
- Newborn resuscitation

Skill stations/workshops

- Serious injury
- Airway management, BLS & vascular access
- Packaging and transport
- Immobilisation
- Chest procedures

Simulations

- Cardiac
- Serious illness
- Serious injury

Interactive sessions

- Structured approach to the seriously ill child

Candidate criteria and eligibility

This Pre-Hospital Paediatric Life Support programme's objective is to improve the emergency care of children, concentrating on the initial critical minutes prior to arriving at hospital and is suitable for those from the following backgrounds:

- Medical
- Paramedic
- Nursing

Assessment and certification

Assessment takes place on day two of the course. If you are successful, PHPLS certification is valid for four years and includes access to our VLE.

Recertification options

Either complete the PHPLS assessment sessions, or repeat the full PHPLS course.

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"All those working with children and young people should have the right knowledge and skills to meet their specific needs—wherever they are in the health system" ¹

Courses to consider

You may also wish to consider the following courses:

- [POET - Pre-hospital Obstetric Emergency Training](http://bit.ly/POET_FS) - http://bit.ly/POET_FS
- [MIMMS - Major Incident Medical Management and Support](http://bit.ly/MIMMS_FS) - http://bit.ly/MIMMS_FS
- [NAPSTaR - Neonatal, Adult and Paediatric Safe Transfer and Retrieval](http://bit.ly/NAPSTaR_FS) - http://bit.ly/NAPSTaR_FS

Resources

- [Publications](http://bit.ly/ALSG_Pub) - http://bit.ly/ALSG_Pub
- [Testimonials](http://bit.ly/ALSG_Testimonials) - http://bit.ly/ALSG_Testimonials

Important course updates and references

There are currently no updates or references for PHPLS

Continuous Professional Development

Revised guidance from the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges emphasises that the focus of CPD should be on its quality and reflection of its impact on a clinician's practice, rather than the amount of time spent on the activity and that the responsibility for identifying CPD requirements rests with the individual and should be based on their personal areas of practice and personal development plan agreed at their annual appraisal. Although one 'CPD credit' will normally equate to one hour of educational activity, the amount of educational activity obtained from a specific event may vary Between individuals depending on an individual's specific learning outcomes.

Information for educators and managers

As a charity, ALSG invests all profits in educational resources and partners with the most effective and respected organisations worldwide to develop exceptionally high quality programmes. ALSG education quality is verified, accredited and recognised internationally as 'best in class', contributing to better outcomes for patients in life-threatening situations.



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¹ Children and Young People's Health Outcomes Strategy 2012, Forum Co-Chairs: Professor Ian Lewis, Christine Lenehan *Report of the Children and Young People's Health Outcomes Forum*

² Moore et al, 2013, NHS Future Forum *Education and Training— next stage*, London.

