



# National Disaster Life Support (NDLS) Program

## BACKGROUND

The American Medical Association, in partnership with four major academic medical centers and three national health care organizations, established the **National Disaster Life Support (NDLS) Program** to better prepare health care providers and emergency response personnel for mass casualty events. The NDLS courses emphasize a comprehensive all-hazards approach for responding to catastrophic emergencies from acts of terrorism as well as natural disasters, explosions, fires and public health emergencies resulting from infectious disease outbreaks. Yale New Haven Center for Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response is designated as the New England training center for NDLS courses.

## NATIONAL DISASTER LIFE SUPPORT PROGRAM

Basic Disaster Life Support (BDLS)	Advanced Disaster Life Support (ADLS)	National Disaster Life Support (NDLS) Instructor Training
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introductory-level</li> <li>8-hour lecture and group discussions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advanced-level</li> <li>16-hour group scenarios with full day hands-on practice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advanced-level</li> <li>6-hour group discussions and practice sessions</li> </ul>
<p><b>Audience:</b> Physicians, nurses, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, dentists, pharmacists, medical examiners, allied health professionals, health profession students, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency management and disaster relief workers</p>	<p><b>Audience:</b> Physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses and paramedics</p>	<p><b>Audience:</b> Physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses and paramedics</p>
<p><b>BDLS topics include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All-hazards overview</li> <li>Natural and human-made disasters</li> <li>Traumatic and explosive events</li> <li>Nuclear and radiological events</li> <li>Biological events</li> <li>Chemical events</li> <li>Psychosocial aspects of terrorism and disasters</li> <li>The role of the public health system</li> </ul>	<p><b>ADLS topics include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospital and field triage techniques</li> <li>Medical decontamination</li> <li>Legal issues of disaster response</li> <li>Media and communications during a mass casualty incident</li> <li>Health care facilities and planning</li> <li>Community, state and federal responses</li> <li>Mass fatality incidents' practical stations</li> </ul>	<p><b>NDLS topics include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small-group discussions and practice sessions to assist physicians, PAs, NPs, nurses and paramedics with becoming familiar with establishing and conducting an NDLS course</li> <li>Specific detail regarding the labor-intensive needs of the program are discussed along with potential sources of assistance</li> </ul>
<p><b>Competency/capability addressed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No prerequisites</li> <li>Certificate of training, valid for 3 years</li> <li>7.5 Physician Recognition Activity (PRA) category, 1 CME credit</li> </ul>	<p><b>Competency/capability addressed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must have successfully completed BDLS course</li> <li>Certificate of training, valid for 3 years</li> <li>14.5 PRA category, 1 CME credit</li> </ul>	<p><b>Competency/capability addressed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must have successfully completed ADLS course</li> <li>Certificate of training, valid for 3 years</li> <li>No CMEs offered at this time</li> </ul>

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