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#### ACS: Acute Cognitive Syndrome— Aggregation and Adhesions to the Learning Process

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- Participants will describe 3 ways enhance participant's learning so that this knowledge can be applied to actual patient resuscitation.



# ACS: Signs and Symptoms of the Disease

- Outcomes
  - Low retention of resuscitation knowledge with time progression
- Participation
  - Fear of coming to class
  - Minimal engagement in class
- AMS—participant confusion matching class information and application at the bedside



# Complications

- Implementation—We've developed collateral circulation with course implementation because of obstacles
  - Lowered standards (give everyone a card) vs.
     increased needs for remediation—drives
     some participants to other training sites
  - Time and financial constraints with ultimate education



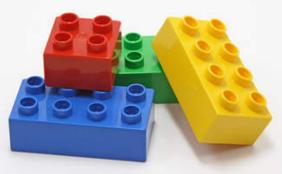
## **Treatment is Prevention**

- Pre-ACLS class strategies
- Developing relationships with students
- Transitioning to a simulation approach
- Does every student need to be a team leader?



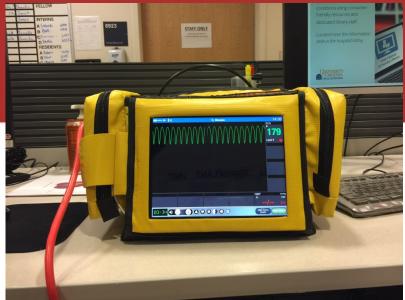
## **Pre-ACLS Class Education**

- Basic dysrhythmia instruction
- ACLS preparation (applying scenarios and treatment to dysrhythmia training)
- Defibrillator practice (applying hands-on practice to scenarios and dysrhythmia training)
  - Cardioversion
  - Defibrillation
  - Transcutaneous pacing





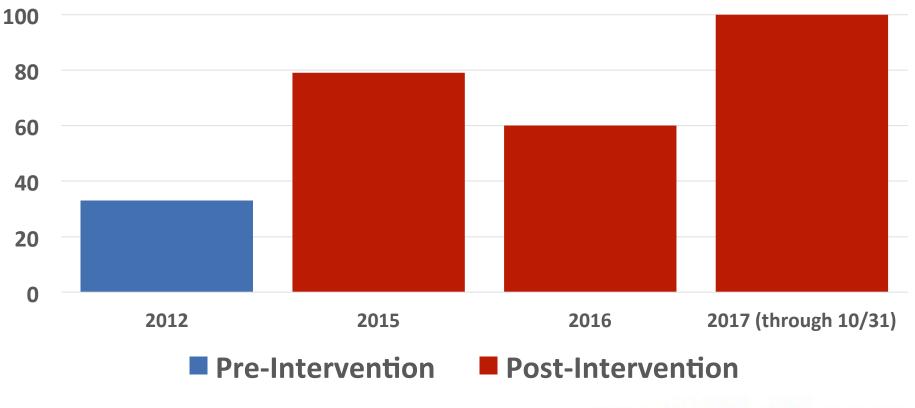






# **Oncology** Unit Trial

#### **First Time ACLS Pass Rate**





## Developing Relationships with Students

 More relaxed when they see a familiar face in class. Leads to a "safe learning environment" which has proven to increase knowledge of the material.



# **Simulation Approach to ACLS**

- Work through common mistakes in ACLS
  - Lowering bed for CPR
  - Use of backboard
  - Pulling head away from the wall for BVM
  - Looking for the appropriate medications in actual containers
  - Applying monitor doesn't mean applying pads
- Actually recognizing "dead"
- Running simulation real time
  - Realistic approach to what can/should be done in 2 minutes
  - Compressor fatigue requiring switches



## Missing ACLS Level

- What can our providers do within their scope of practice?
- What are our actual expectations at the bedside compared to expectations in class?
- How do we marry the 2 expectations?

#### ACLS Team Member Class



#### **ACLS Team Member Class—Format 1**

Time	Content
0745-0800	Registration and Welcome
0800-0900	1 <sup>st</sup> 5 Minutes Didactic
0900-0930	Team Dynamics
0930-0945	Break
0945-1000	Simulation Briefing
1000-1130	1 <sup>st</sup> 5 Minutes Simulation
1130-1230	Lunch
1230-1400	<ul> <li>Didactic with interaction:</li> <li>Rhythm ID</li> <li>Algorithm review</li> <li>Review of manual defibrillator functions</li> </ul>
1400-1415	Break
1415-1600	Megacode Practice

#### **ACLS Team Member Class—Format 2**

Time	Content
0730-0745	Registration and Welcome
0745-0815	Course Overview, Science, and Systematic Approach
0815-0845	ACS
0845-0915	Acute Stroke
0915-0930	Break
0930-1100	<ul><li>Learning Station Rotations</li><li>Airway Management</li><li>CPR/AED</li></ul>
1100-1130	Team Dynamics
1130-1230	Lunch
1230-1300	1 <sup>st</sup> 5 Minutes Didactic
1300-1315	Simulation Briefing
1315-1430	1 <sup>st</sup> 5 Minutes Simulation
1430-1445	Break
1445-1545	<ul><li>Didactic with Interaction</li><li>Rhythm ID</li><li>Algorithm Review</li></ul>
1545-1700	Megacode Practice

# **Objectives Revisited**

- Participants will describe 2 challenges of delivering a high quality resuscitation education program.
  - Low retention
  - Fear of class
  - Applicability

- Participants will describe 3 ways enhance participant's learning so that this knowledge can be applied to actual patient resuscitation.
  - ACLS prep
  - Developing relationships
  - Simulation approach
  - Team member class



