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**March 2025**

## ATLS 11 Is Getting Closer to Launch

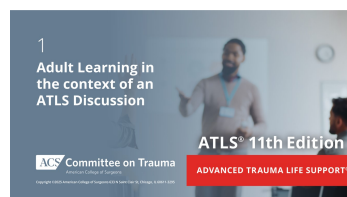
Development of the **Advanced Trauma Life Support® (ATLS®), 11th Edition** continues to move forward, and the course is expected to launch this summer. Traditional course pilots will start in April, and hybrid course pilots will begin in June. By the end of July, the ATLS traditional course will be available in English, Spanish, and Brazilian Portuguese. The hybrid course will launch shortly thereafter. See samples of the new look and feel below.



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## Online Update Course Is Required

All Course Directors, Instructors, Educators, and Coordinators will be required to complete an online update course. In some cases, sites will provide in-person training to cover the content. The updates will be simple and brief, while providing the information and guidance needed to offer this next edition successfully. Look out for additional updates over the next few months and/or refer to the ATLS 11 website periodically for new

information. The Trauma Education team ([traumaeducation@facs.org](mailto:traumaeducation@facs.org)) is always available to answer questions.

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## Consider Alternative Pathways to Becoming ATLS Educator

Across the globe, there is a significant shortage of ATLS Educators. The role of the ATLS Educator is critical to the development of highly skilled ATLS instructors who are grounded in adult education principles and practices. Educator candidates are assessed using a matrix of requirements such as their training and experience in adult education and clinical care. Two groups of educator candidates who may not meet all criteria, but should have a pathway to become ATLS Educators are:

- Experienced clinicians who are actively engaged in teaching ATLS/Advanced Trauma Care for Nurses and who serve as educators for students, residents, and/or colleagues/faculty in their institutions but lack formal training in education
- Advanced educators who have advanced training and experience in education (e.g., EdD, MEd) but lack clinical experience

This [new policy](#) outlines two alternative pathways for these specific groups of individuals to become ATLS Educators.

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## Check Out New RTTDC Course Guide

Streamlined training for new Rural Trauma Team Development Course (RTTDC) Coordinators, Facilitators, and Faculty is now available. In recognition of your busy schedules, this online guide replaces the required webinar training for conducting an RTTDC course and includes updates for using the Course Management System (CMS). Completion of this brief, self-enrolled course is required for all new members of RTTDC staff and recommended for all current Coordinators, Facilitators, and Faculty. The course includes downloadable PDFs of pertinent information and informs of all changes involved with transition to the CMS. Share this link for self-enrollment, at no cost: [store.facs.org/rttdc-course-guide](https://store.facs.org/rttdc-course-guide). Contact [traumaeducation@facs.org](mailto:traumaeducation@facs.org) with any questions.

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## ASSET Is Now Available on Trauma Education CMS

The Advanced Surgical Skills for Exposure in Trauma (ASSET) course can be accessed and administered via the CMS. Once granted permissions, coordinators and faculty will be able to request courses and add learners, as they would for an ATLS course. All ASSET purchases should be made through the CMS. Contact [traumaeducation@facs.org](mailto:traumaeducation@facs.org) for more information.

# ATLS Global Symposium

The 2025 Global Symposium, held March 14–16 in Chicago, IL, was a huge success. More than 400 individuals participated, representing every US state and 48 countries. Specific program tracks were offered for ATLS Coordinators and Educators. While a main focus was on the ATLS 11th edition, there were several high-quality presentations within the following themes: Innovative education, using trauma education to enhance patient care outcomes, flexing trauma education, and using education to create community. In addition, Dany Westerband, MD, FACS, ATLS International Program Director, moderated a session on fostering successful Global ATLS Programs, and Andrew R. Baker, MD, FACS, South African ATLS Country Chair, moderated the Plenary Panel Session, “All Things Trauma Education.”

## *Country Anniversary Awards*

The following countries were acknowledged during the Global Symposium.

**15 Years:** Uruguay, India, Pakistan

**20 Years:** Jamaica

**25 Years:** Switzerland, Bolivia, Spain

**30 Years:** Netherlands, Panama,

Colombia, Italy, Indonesia, Greece

**35 Years:** Israel, Argentina, Brazil

**40 Years:** Mexico

Additional detailed stories about the Global Symposium awardees will be shared in the April newsletter.

*Thank you to the Global Symposium Workgroup for putting together an excellent program*

Eileen Bulger

Claire Leidy

Alicia Ponton-Carss

Chris Dodgion

Andrea Hawk

Nirav Patel

Tam Pham

Joakim Jorgensen

Anita Verschure

Scott D'Amours

Guy Slater

Abdelhakim Elkholy

Samir Ballouz

Juliana Cardoso

Simon Tsang

Diogo Garcia

Cathy Wilson

Mentor Ahmeti

Maria Paulsen

David Efron

John Sutyak

Dany Westerband

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## You Are All Winners!

For Coordinators in attendance at the Global Symposium, a raffle was held in appreciation for the work and dedication of Coordinators across the globe.

### *Raffle Winners*



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Emilee Owen, BSN, RN—1 month as an ATLS Coordinator

*“One take away from the conference, besides the friendliness of the attendees, were the changes to the 11th edition. I like that there is a new focus on difficult conversations with family and injury prevention was added. Those two things really stood out to me as they look at the trauma patient as a whole. I am looking forward to working with the ACS to coordinate our ATLS courses at our facility.”*

Adriana Giorgeti Veiga—Coordinator from Brazil for 5+ years

*“I would like to thank you for the opportunity to learn so much. It is gratifying to see so many people involved in providing even better care to trauma patients. The organization, content, communication, and hospitality were incredible. Many thanks to the entire organizing committee.”*



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## System Outage Is Scheduled in April

The CMS and Learning Management System will be down on Friday, April 25, 6:00–11:00 pm CT. Please note that there will be no access to the pre-test or modules for learners. In addition, those coordinating and instructing courses will have no access to the CMS. If you are offering courses around this time, plan accordingly. For more information, contact [traumaeducation@facs.org](mailto:traumaeducation@facs.org).

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## Check Out Opportunity Board

Did you know that there are endless opportunities to get involved in Trauma Education? Visit the [Opportunity Boards](#) (Participation and Community) for a list of workgroups that are accepting new participants. The Trauma Education programs are successful because of the collaboration and contributions of so many volunteers. Consider getting involved.

**TELL US MORE**

The Trauma Education Team is here to support you in offering quality educational programs. *Share ideas* for future newsletter topics, and contact [traumaeducation@facs.org](mailto:traumaeducation@facs.org) with questions.



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