



Together, we're improving
trauma care worldwide.



For more than 25 years, BTLS-trained professionals have responded to trauma in the field with skill and compassion.

From its beginnings in Alabama, Basic Trauma Life Support has become a global force for excellence in trauma response—with chapters and training centers around the world.

Now our name reflects our role. Far from basic, our impact is international. Never limited, our commitment knows no bounds. Visit us at itrauma.org.



ITLS IDENTITY CHANGE

Questions & Answers

What is International Trauma Life Support?

International Trauma Life Support is the world's leading provider of training for pre-hospital trauma care.

The program began 25 years ago as a small regional program in Alabama called Basic Trauma Life Support. Today, there are 70 ITLS chapters and training centres worldwide.

ITLS courses provide the knowledge and hands-on skills to better care for trauma patients. The ITLS framework is a global standard that stresses rapid assessment, appropriate intervention and identification of immediate life threats.

Why did the organization change its name?

The ITLS board of directors chose the new name to reflect the changing scope of the organization. The new ITLS identity celebrates the growth and impact of a program that has become the world's most recognized and respected authority in pre-hospital trauma care training.

Far from basic, ITLS today brings sophisticated, state-of-the-art education and resources to the more than 300,000 BTLS-certified providers around the world.

When was the identity change announced?

ITLS leaders announced the new identity in October 2005 in Scottsdale, Arizona, at the organization's 2005 International Trauma Conference.

The ITLS international organization began using the new name and logo immediately. ITLS is working closely with government agencies and partner organizations to incorporate the new name into training-related regulations and materials.

Will BTLS chapters now be called ITLS chapters?

Yes. The 70 ITLS chapters and training centres in the United States and around the world will have 12 months to implement the new identity, completing the change by December 31, 2006.

Are ITLS courses the same as BTLS courses?

Yes. ITLS courses are the BTLS courses that the organization has traditionally offered, and course content has not changed. However, over time, all course names and materials will transition from BTLS to ITLS.

Are BTLS certification cards still valid?

Yes. Providers and instructors do not need to turn in their BTLS cards for ITLS cards. Chapters will provide new ITLS certification cards to providers and instructors when they complete their next recertification or refresher courses.



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