Establishing an American Heart Association International Training Center in Port-au-Prince, Haiti

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Establishing the Simulation Laboratory

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Resuscitation Trainings

- June 2016 focused on the 2015 guidelines of the American Heart Association (AHA) for basic life support
  - 5 classes
  - 20 health care promoters
  - 17 lay persons
  - Conducted by U.S.A. nurse educators, one of whom is an AHA BLS Provider Instructor
- Returned in November 2016 to conduct BLS training to 14 more health care promoters

No AHA Training Centers in Port-au-Prince

- The process by which AHA instructors can conduct courses and issue AHA cards is in the country of incorporation
- Permission may be obtained through the approval of the AHA’s Global Training Department
- Approval is not automatic, and application must have a letter of support from the Instructor’s Training Center

GCH to participate in AHA International Training Center (ITC) Process

- Process is referred to as Selection Criteria and Accreditation
- An ITC is an educational, health related organization outside the U.S. that signs an agreement with the AHA to provide the AHA’s Emergency Cardiovascular Care programs and issue cards
- Many requirements to become an ITC
  - Legal
  - Administrative
  - General liability insurance
  - Instructors
  - Facilities
  - Equipment
  - Commitment
  - Territory
- Number of people trained
- Evaluation and approval of new ICTs takes several steps
  - Presentation of letter of intent and application form
  - Assessment process
  - Information verification
  - Preliminary approval
- Application must gain legal approval
- Upon application approval, the ITC appoints a Training Center Coordinator
  - Many responsibilities
  - Submit reports to AHA twice a year
  - Drafting a quality assurance plan

References

