

# HUNTSVILLE HOSPITAL'S TRAINING CENTER

## ADVANCED TRAUMA LIFE SUPPORT

Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) is a course designed to prepare physicians to care for trauma patients, and is certified by the American College of Surgeons. Huntsville Hospital's Corporate University is one of just three approved training sites for ATLS in Alabama, and the only such site in North Alabama. Rony Najjar, MD, FACS, is the Medical Director.

### Overview

The ATLS course provides a framework for the management of the injured patient. The target audience is doctors in hospitals emergency settings with a training focus on effectively assessing and managing multiple trauma patients.

Because trauma care is a rapidly advancing subject, the ATLS course is constantly evolving to the most current practices. The course allows those treating trauma patients to keep up-to-date in the knowledge and skills critical to providing care for trauma patients.



The ATLS course includes instruction in these skills:

- The rapid and accurate assessment of a patient's condition
- The resuscitation and stabilization of a patient according to priority
- How to determine if a patient's needs exceed a facility's capabilities
- How to arrange appropriately for a patient's definitive care
- How to ensure that optimum care is provided

ATLS is designed for both the first-time student and for those needing recertification. During the 2-day ATLS course, participants learn the medical core content in an interactive format, with hands-on skill sessions in simulated trauma settings. There is also a 1-day refresher course for those with current ATLS cards needing recertification.

ATLS certification is valid for four years from course completion date.

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### About Corporate University



Huntsville Hospital's Corporate University offers innovative training and continuing education opportunities for physicians, nurses and other clinical professionals, as well as community education programs on today's most relevant health-related topics.

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