

## **GUIDELINE 2: STAFF**

2.1 Qualifications and Experience: Maintains qualified and experienced clinical staff that have undergone a credentialing process to verify that:

2.1.1 All clinical staff hold current full registration and a license to practice.

2.1.2 All clinical staff have at least three years post-graduate / post-registration experience.

2.1.3 Physicians have at least three years of post-graduate / post-registration experience in general and emergency medicine OR are board certified in Emergency Medicine or Family Medicine or Internal Medicine

2.2 Certifications

2.2.1 All clinical staff certified in advanced life support such as ACLS, ALS or an equivalent certification or physician specialist training (e.g. emergency medicine, anesthesiology or critical care).

2.2.2 Ships carrying children  $\leq 12$  years old should have at least one physician certified in PALS, APLS or an equivalent certification or specialist training (e.g. emergency medicine or pediatric medicine). (Effective January 1, 2015)

2.2.3 At least one physician certified in advanced trauma life support such as ATLS or an equivalent certification or specialist training (e.g. emergency medicine or trauma). (Effective January 1, 2017)

2.3 Skills

2.3.1 Physicians with a competent skill level in Emergency Cardiovascular Care.

2.3.2 Physicians with minor surgical, orthopedic and procedural skills including suturing, and fracture/dislocation management.

2.3.3 Physicians with procedural sedation skills.

2.4 Language: Clinical staff that have sufficient language skills in the official working language of the ship.