

OEC Alert!
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To All OEC Supervisors, OEC Instructors and OEC ITs:

This notice is to inform you about three important OEC-related messages.

Item #1: OEC Refresher Course Erratum

The In-depth topics for OEC Cycle A were incorrectly identified on pages 5 & 6 of the *Instructor's Guide (IG)* that was sent via US mail in July. The mistake appears in the mailed, hard copy only. The problem was identified and corrected in the electronic copy of the *IG* that has been subsequently resent to all OEC Instructors, OEC ITs, and OEC Supervisors. The correct in-depth topics for this year are:

- Shock Management
- Cold Injury Management

Please use the Bleeding Control / Shock Management skill guide located on page 847 of the OEC textbook. There is no skill guide for Cold Injury Management. As such, please consult chapter 15 (pgs. 414-425) for specific information pertaining to cold injuries.

A second discrepancy has been identified on pages 25 & 26 and is associated with ***You Are The Rescuer***, Scenario 2. Both the picture and accompanying story indicate the adaptive skier has sustained an injury to the left shoulder. However, on page 25, the second bullet point under the leading question, "*What possible problems do you think the patient may have?*", states "...supports an injury to the right shoulder girdle". This is incorrect and should state "...supports an injury to the left shoulder." On page 26, the first bullet point under the leading question, "*What emergency care does this patient require?*", states "*The right shoulder requires immobilization...*" This is incorrect and should state, "*The left shoulder requires immobilization...*"

The above mistakes were corrected in the *2008 OEC Refresher Study Guide*, both the electronic that is available for download on the NSP website and the print copy that is being distributed with the Summer issue of *Ski Patrol Magazine*.

Item #2: 2008 OEC Refresher Guide Mailing

The *2008 OEC Refresher Study Guide* will mail the week of Sept. 1, and will be inserted in the summer issue of *Ski Patrol Magazine*. The *Refresher Study Guide* is also currently available for download from www.nsp.org should *Ski Patrol Magazine* and the *RSG* not arrive before your scheduled refresher. Please encourage your patrollers/OEC students to download the *2008 OEC Refresher Study Guide* from the NSP website if necessary.

Item #3: OEC Workbook Back-Order

The publisher of the *OEC Workbook* has informed NSP that the workbook is on back order. New workbooks will be available after September 19, 2008.

If you have questions, please contact Carol Hudson in the NSP the education department either by phone (720.963.2637) or email (chudson@nsp.org).

We apologize for the any inconvenience that this may cause.