Introduction

When the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) identified priority topics and task forces for the 2005 International Consensus Conference to evaluate CPR and ECC science, stroke and first aid were not chosen. These topics, however, are of great interest to the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association and their science volunteers. To complete evidence evaluation on these important topics, the American Heart Association hosted the Stroke Task Force and, with the American Red Cross, hosted the National First Aid Science Advisory Board.

The evidence evaluation process used for the stroke and first aid topics was identical to that used for the ILCOR topics and described in Part 1 and in an editorial in this supplement.1 The worksheets completed for evaluation of stroke and first aid topics are linked to the text as online data supplements in the same way as in Section 1 of this supplement.

To ensure transparency in disclosure and management of potential conflicts of interest, the Stroke and First Aid task forces followed the same disclosure policy as that used throughout the 2005 International Consensus Conference.2 The worksheet authors’ conflict of interest statements can be accessed through the online data supplement or the AHA website at http://www.c2005.org.

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