



FACT SHEET

1. What is the National Resuscitation Council of Jamaica (NRC)?

*The NRC is an alliance of organizations and individuals that collaborate to ensure that the Chain of Survival for Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC), which includes First Aid and CPR, is implemented and sustained in Jamaica. **The NRC does not provide ECC training.***

2. How is the NRC governed?

The NRC is governed by a Board of Directors which includes representatives from the private and public health care sector, emergency response services, tourism industry and the Ministry of Health and Wellness. Directors for the period 2022/2023 are as follows:

- **Dr. Hugh Wong (Chairman)**, Consultant Emergency Physician, Kingston Public Hospital
- **Mrs. Deborah Chen**, The Heart Foundation of Jamaica
- **Mrs. Alison Christie-Binger**
- **Dr. Andrene Chung**, Consultant Cardiologist
- **Dr. Edward Chung**, Consultant Cardiologist
- **Dr. Lambert Innis**, Consultant anaesthetist, Ministry of Health
- **Mrs. Deanne Keating-Campbell**, Tourism Product Development Co. (TPDCO)
- **Justice Lloyd Hibbert**, Retired Judge
- **Dr. Nicole Dawkins-Wright**, Director of EDMSS, Ministry of Health and Wellness
- **Dr. Shuvra Dasgupta**, Consultant Emergency Physician, University of the West Indies
- **Ms. Blondell Walker, RN**, Emergency Room Nurse, (UWI)
- **Mr. Kenroy Cole**, A&E Ambulance
- **Supt. Gary Morgan**, Emergency Medical Technician, Jamaica Fire Brigade (JFB)
- **Lt. Col. Oral Khan**, St. John Ambulance

3. What are the objectives of the NRC?

- a. *Formulate programs, plans and activities to facilitate a streamlined and unified approach to efficient emergency care in collaboration with all organizations and professionals.*
- b. *Foster links with all organizations including governmental agencies that have a role to play in the Chain of Survival.*
- c. *Assist in provision of quality assurance of Emergency Cardiovascular Care programmes.*
- d. *Advocate for Emergency Medical Services legislation.*

4. Who should register with the NRC?

All organizations and individuals (based locally or internationally) engaged in the training of CPR and First Aid in Jamaica.





5. What is the registration process for organizations?

The organization is to submit a completed application form along with proof of affiliation with a recognized certifying body, a copy of the latest revision of the course manual, documented training standards and the registration fee. Once the NRC secretariat has completed its due diligence and is satisfied that the applicant's courses are adhering to ILCOR guidelines and standards of the certifying body a certificate of registration will be issued and the organization added to the registry. Due diligence may require inspection of training equipment and review of a course in progress.

6. What is the registration process for individuals?

The individual is to submit a completed application form along with proof of current instructor certification with a recognized certifying body and the registration fee. The NRC will verify information provided and may also review a course being taught by the applicant. Once the NRC secretariat has completed its due diligence and is satisfied then a certificate of registration will be issued and the individual added to the registry.

7. What are the registration fees?

- *Organizations - Three Thousand Jamaican Dollars (JA\$3,000) every two years*
- *Individuals - Two Thousand Jamaican Dollars (JA\$2,000) every two years*

8. What are the benefits of registration?

The NRC circulates a list of registered organizations and individuals periodically to private and public sector groups requiring the services of CPR and First Aid trainers. These include hotels and attractions, medical practitioners and facilities, emergency responders, educational institutions, transportation providers and manufacturers. The names of registered members will also appear in media publications and advertisements. The list will also be given to any member of the public who enquires about CPR training.

9. What are registration fees used for?

Registration fees are used to offset the operations of the NRC secretariat, hosting of the Annual Open Forum, meetings and other seminars and public education programmes.

10. What are the immediate goals of the NRC?

- Registration of all organizations and individuals certified to teach First Aid and CPR in accordance with ILCOR guidelines.*
- Educate the public about the importance of learning CPR and First Aid and encourage individuals to become certified by using the services of a NRC registered trainer.*
- Lobby the Government of Jamaica for Emergency Medical Services Legislation.*
- Encourage the placement of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in public places.*

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