



Critical care

Afghan doctors receive new patient care procedures



Lt. Col. Kenneth Furukawa, an anesthesiologist deployed from Travis, AFB, Calif., instructs the Afghan physicians how to assist a patient's breathing during a critical situation. Those who attended the Fundamentals of Critical Care Support class learned new procedures and refreshed their memories on certain procedures.

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KABUL, Afghanistan — A Fundamentals in Critical Care Support class was held recently at the Kabul National Military Hospital for 36 Afghan doctors. The class was instructed by coalition members who are currently stationed at the Bagram Airfield military hospital.

The course, created by the Society of Critical Care Medicine, teaches non-critical care physicians how to keep patients alive in an intensive care unit where special care can be provided for the individuals. Sixteen local national doctors, 16 Afghan National Army residents at the KNMH and four Afghan National Police doctors

attended the course.

The course will also prepare the Afghan National Security Forces physicians for emergency and combat casualty care.

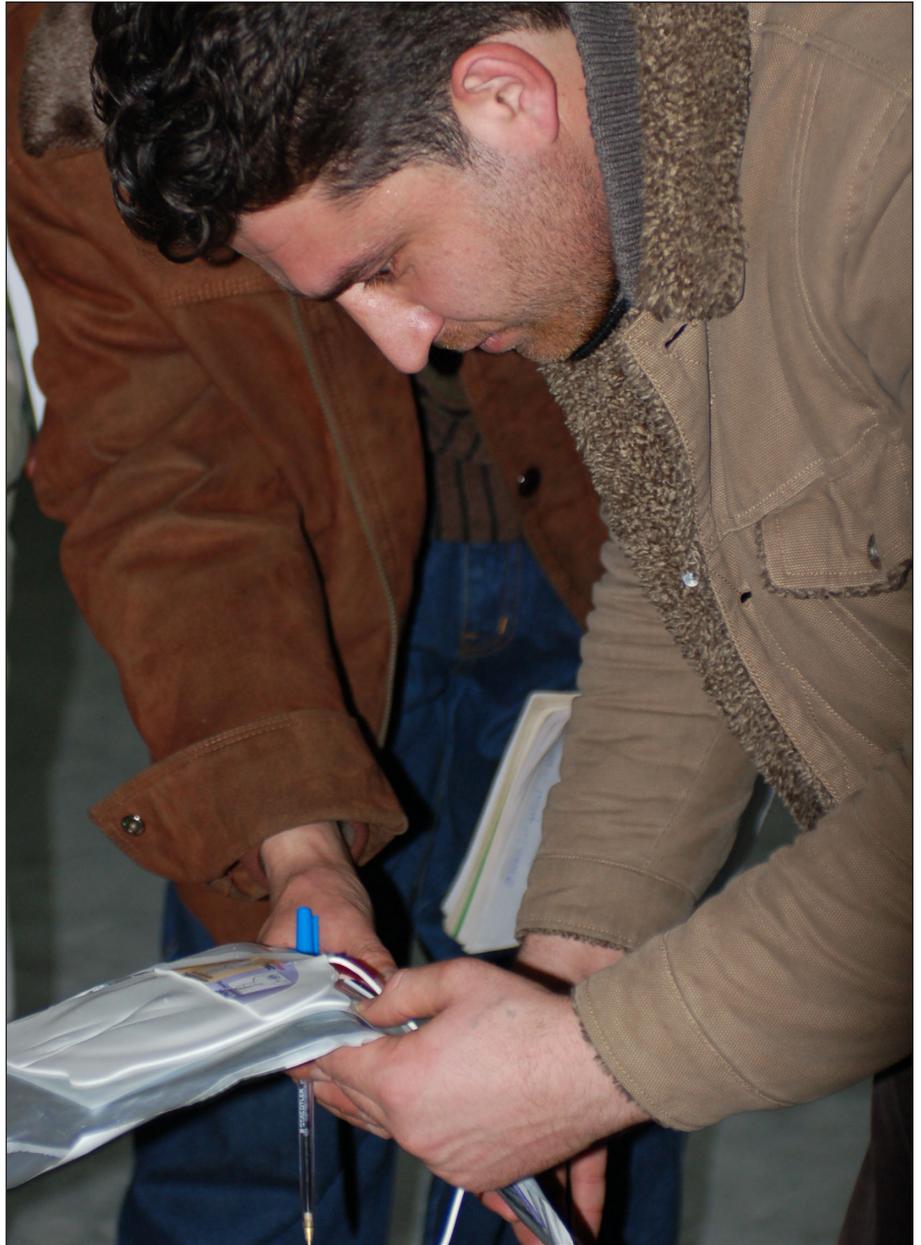
This mentorship will provide them with the fundamentals for providing critically ill or injured patients with first-rate care immediately.

“We are learning many practical care techniques in this course,” said Dr. Shapoor Asadi, Kabul 201 Bed Hospital. “There are many different ways of treating patients which have not always been possible to learn (here) in the past. It’s important I learn these procedures for my patients because it will help me save more lives and be a better doctor.”



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“Our main goal is to mentor and learn as colleagues,” said Lt. Col. Kenneth Furukawa, an anesthesiologist deployed from Travis, AFB, Calif. “We’re just here to fill in the gaps with new things we have learned in the United States. We’re here to help them become more well-rounded physicians.” 



(Above) An Afghan doctor looks over the equipment to apply to a patient’s chest to revive them with an electric shock.



(Left) Afghan doctors examine equipment for the newest method of maintaining an airway at the Fundamentals of Critical Care Support class at the Kabul National Military Hospital instructed by coalition forces stationed at Bagram Airfield.