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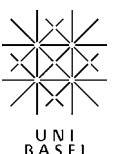
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Advanced Course

Rational Management of Medicines

A focus on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

30 October – 11 November 2011
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This acclaimed course has been continually updated and revised over its 11-year history and offers state-of-the-art information and practice guidelines.

Contents overview

Health is an intrinsic human right as well as a central input to poverty reduction and socioeconomic development. Cost-effective interventions including medicines for controlling major diseases exist, but insufficient funds and a range of system constraints hamper efforts to expand health services to the poor.

From penicillin to insulin, antiseptics to antiretrovirals, science has led to dramatic improvements in health worldwide. Medicines are an essential and cost-effective tool of health care and an important element of health systems. Yet today, for millions of people worldwide essential medicines remain unavailable and unaffordable. Irrational medicine use is a global public health problem. Counterfeit and poor quality medicines are an additional barrier to equitable access to medicines. Millions of adults and children die each year from treatable and preventable diseases.

There is an urgent need to implement adequate strategies to ensure better access to medicines. It is about getting evidence-based and effective pharmaceuticals to the people who need them, whether by promoting research and development, reducing costs, improving supply, increasing use and effectiveness, quality and acceptability, or slowing down the development of antimicrobial resistance.

Rational management of medicines is critically important in view of constrained health budgets to achieve efficiency, equity and quality of health care in pluralistic and reforming health systems.

Objectives

To enable health professionals to understand and apply the concepts and principles of essential medicines and rational medicine management with a focus on the diseases of poverty HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis, to recognise the need for a national and international medicine policy environment, to improve knowledge and skills and to gain practical experience for medicine management within different health system contexts.

Course topics

- Historic milestones and current global medicine situation
- Concept of essential medicines and its relevance in primary health care
- Roles of different stakeholders including health workers, traditional healers, international organisations, ministry of health, the pharmaceutical industry
- The global context, health initiatives, treaties and national medicine policy
- Treatment guidelines, essential medicine lists and personal medicine lists
- Patterns of medicine use and adherence, strategies for the promotion of rational medicine use
- Antimicrobial resistance and approaches for containment
- Medicine quality and quality assurance
- Rational management of HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis treatment
- Framework and components of a medicine supply system
- Elements of medicine costs, affordability and financing options

Target group

Health professionals and managers with experience (at least two years) in international health and the pharmaceutical sector.

Conditions of admission

English requirements: TOEFL Paper 550/TOEFL Computer 213/TOEFL internet 79 – 80 /IELTS 6.0 or native speaker or completed higher education in English (with written proof).

Duration and certification

2 weeks (90 hours student investment time). Equivalent to 3 ECTS points towards the tropEd European Master in International Health. A certificate will be awarded after successful completion.

Course format

The course language is English. The course combines lectures, in-depth discussions of case studies, short presentations, small group exercises and field visits. The course is highly participatory and participants will be exposed to a wide range of international experiences and materials.

Health, accident and travel insurance

Not covered by the Institute but highly recommended.

Application procedure

Please fill in the application form carefully and include all required documents.

Application deadline: 31 August 2011

Course fee

The course fee is CHF 3 240.–. For students registered as a tropEd Master student at a tropEd home institution the course fee is CHF 2 800.– (including tuition, accommodation/full board and transport during the course in South Africa). The fee must be paid 4 weeks before the start of the course. This sum includes also the registration fee of CHF 500.– which is due at the moment of acceptance. If a participant does not attend the course, the registration fee cannot be reimbursed. If cancellation is less than 4 weeks before beginning of the course an additional fee of CHF 500.– will be charged. Cost for international flights must be added. Travel to South Africa has to be organized by the participant.

Location

The course will be held in Pretoria, South Africa. The Department of Pharmacy of the Medunsa Campus (previously the Medical University of Southern Africa) is the host organization. As the capital city of South Africa, Pretoria offers a wide range of cultural, social and infrastructural facilities and activities.

A full range of public, private and NGO-based health care facilities is available in Pretoria, from primary health care and ART clinics to tertiary academic hospitals. The health care infrastructure provides opportunities for firsthand exposure to all the components and organizations required to ensure the rational management of medicines. The course will include site visits to some of these facilities to ensure successful interaction between theory and practice.

Course faculty

The course is facilitated by international and national experts. The academic panel will include a number of highly experienced professionals.

Course coordinators/coordination

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Application for Admission

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Personal details

(Names as written on your passport)

Family name: _____

Given name(s): _____ F M

Date of birth: _____ Marital status: _____

Place of birth: _____ Nationality: _____

Highest study degree: _____

Profession: _____

Address

(please give a reliable and permanent address)

Street, number: _____

P.O. Box: _____ City: _____

Province: _____ Postal code: _____

Country: _____ Fax number: _____

Phone number: _____ Mobile number: _____

E-mail: _____

Courses attended recently: date and description

Present or most recent position

Name of employer: _____

Type of organization: _____

Place of work: _____

Year of entry: _____ Year of leaving (if not still there): _____

Position held: _____

Main duties: _____

Previous working experiences

(Please mainly mention your assignments in countries with resources constraints)

Why are you interested in taking this course?

Source of funding for fees and expenses

myself

my employer

other / please specify _____

Required documents (photocopies)

1) Filled application form

2) Professional Diploma(s)

3) Curriculum Vitae

4) English proof (see description)

5) 1 Photograph (passport-size)

Please indicate where you learned about the Swiss TPH courses

colleagues

tropEd

course brochure

internet

Swiss TPH homepage

other

Are you a tropEd registered Master student?

yes

no

If yes, which is your home institution? _____

**Please return completed form with all required documents by postal mail only!
Incomplete applications and applications sent by e-mail will not be considered!**

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Please return completed form to

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The Swiss TPH shall send back the documents

Documents shall be destroyed by the Swiss TPH

Date

Signature

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