GARD Program in Georgia

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The Georgian Respiratory Association is the GARD participant since 2006. Dr Nikolai Khaltaev, visited Georgia in February 2007. The purpose of his visit was to initiate GARD Georgia at the request of the MoH and GRA.
Build a GARD Georgia

GARD Country initiator started the process to build a GARD Georgia. There were several meetings in the Ministry of Health, Parliament of Georgia, Tbilisi State Medical University, etc. The agreement was obtained from all organizations and they are ready to participate in GARD GEORGIA.
Participation of the MoH
Georgia

The Ministry of health was involved from the very first steps of the GARD activity in the Country. Dr. Nikolai Khaltaev met with the Deputy Minister and he is aware about all the steps concerning GARD activity in Georgia.
WHO Country Office and GARD Georgia

WHO Country Office and namely Dr. Amiran Gamkrelidze has been informed and actively participated in the process of the GARD Georgia.
The pilot projects in Georgia

GARD Georgia committed to starting pilot projects on surveillance of CRD at primary health care level. The project started in two Family Medicine Centres in March 2007.
Results

About 4000 questionnaires were analyzed. In the next slides there are page of software we had used for analyzes and some data and conclusions of the pilot project.
1A. რამდენნობა გავლენაში თუ არა შედგა, როდესაც სოვეტური მოქმედება და თურქული გავლენაში ადვილად გზირდა განვითარება?
   • არა  • დაის

1B. რამდენიმე თვის ბრძოლაში 4-6-ჯერ დღემდე, რომ არ მდგარ იყო კვლავ?
   • არა  • დაის

1C. გამჭინვეთა უკანასკნელი გამხმარები ლოკალურად ჭაოს ყურადღება 3 თვის ბზო სხვა გამრავლებებში?
   • არა  • დაის

1D. უნარჩულნი არა გავლენაში ზღვა?
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Conclusions

• The data are from the pilot study, just from two FMC, but results, that we’ve got, pointed that official statistics concerning CRD, might be lower than real readings;

• It is urgently necessary to keep study in larger number of people and in different parts of country;
Conclusions

- It’s also necessary to conduct training process in the medical facilities to study main features of CRD, especially COPD and asthma;
- There is also need to train medical staff how to fill correctly questionnaire: there were too much errors in pilot papers;
Conclusions

• Country results might be useful and interesting for local doctors and managers, as well as for Ministry of Health of Georgia and other officials.
Conclusions

It is urgently necessary to formally launch GARD Georgia. It will encourage both, officials and doctors to be involved actively in GARD Georgia and will improve respiratory health in the country.
14 November 2007, On World COPD Day, WHO launched photo stories on COPD and asthma.

Fighting for air: Nodari Cherekaashvili (Georgia)