



Ministry of Health



Faculty of Pharmacy &
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Training Course on Pharmacoeconomics: Evidence, Money and Selection of Medicines

Background

Ensuring access to essential medicines is critical for saving lives and improving health by closing the gap between the potential that essential medicines have to offer and the reality that for millions of people particularly the poor and disadvantaged medicines are unavailable and unaffordable. Next to personnel costs, pharmaceutical expenditures constitute the largest share of total health expenditure in developing countries. Considering that essential medicines are central to delivery of health care services, it is very important to put reliable and effective supply systems in place to make quality and affordable medicines accessible to the general population.

Essential medicines are selected with due regard to disease prevalence, evidence on efficacy and safety, and comparative cost-effectiveness; however for most health systems, policy makers, individuals involved in the selection of medicines for procurement purposes and health insurance programs often lack the capacity and tools for evidence-based medicines policy decision in selecting the most cost-effective medicines for their essential medicines lists, development of hospital formularies, reimbursement of insurance claims, price negotiations with pharmaceutical suppliers, paying for providers of services, economic incentives to encourage rational use of medicines, improve efficiency, and design and implement appropriate policies to increase quality of care and promote equity.

Aim of the course

The course aims to build capacities of managers in health insurance programs, procurement agencies and relevant staff in public and private health facilities to make evidenced based decisions on selection of medicines for their essential medicines lists which are used for procurement, re-imbursements under health insurance programs and promote cost effective use of medicines.

Organizers

The WHO/Geneva, the WHO Regional Office for Africa, the Ghana National Drugs Programme of the Ministry of Health Ghana, the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons and the Faculty of Pharmacy, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology will jointly organize a 10-day training course on the use of pharmacoconomics in medicines selection.

Where: Accra, Ghana

Period: 13 to 25 June 2011

Target audience

Course participants should have basic skills and experience in managing pharmaceuticals and health programs in the public, private or quasi government health sectors and in academia. Participants should preferably be involved in the either at managerial or operations level, in the development of essential medicines lists, hospital formularies and reimbursement lists. Participants should also have basic understanding of the principles of assessing and evaluating data for decision making in selection of medicines.

A Certificate of Attendance will be issued for participants who completed the training course.

Resource persons and collaborative institutions

The course has been developed by an international consortium of experts, including departments of clinical pharmacology and public health at the Universities of Newcastle (Australia), Sydney, and Birmingham (UK), in collaboration with the Essential Medicines Programme of the World Health Organisation (WHO/EMP).

Course directors

Dr Suzanne Hill, WHO/EMP; Professor David Ofori-Adjei, Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Course content

There are about ten modules for the course. These modules are based on clinical topics that are relevant to many countries. The clinical content has also been adapted to suit various settings.

Course methodology

The educational strategy used on the course is problem-based, interactive and small group learning. Participants will be divided into 5 to 7 small groups, with each group working together throughout the course. Where resources and staffing permit, each group will have a facilitator with adequate skills and background in relevant disciplines and problem-based learning. The role of the facilitators will be

to encourage the groups to use their knowledge and experience to come up with an agreed approach to solving the problem scenarios that are presented.

Fees

A fee of USD\$2,200 per person will cover tuition and all course materials, modest accommodation, breakfast and lunch. Interested participants must look for their own sponsorship. The course fee does not include travel costs, insurances or incidental expenses.

Deadline for registration: 20th May 2011

The number of participants will be limited to 40

Completed application forms should be emailed to:

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Further information about the course can be obtained from:

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Application Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Fax: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Institution: _____

Current role/responsibilities: _____

Sponsor (if requesting sponsorship from an organisation such as the World Bank etc):

Any special dietary requirements:

- NONE
- Vegetarian (no meat, chicken, fish)
- Vegan
- Other (please provide details)

If accepted, do you wish to share accommodation?

- Yes
- No

Please attach a short curriculum vitae

Please do not send course fees until you are notified of your acceptance *on the course*