



INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE ON PROMOTING RATIONAL DRUG USE IN THE COMMUNITY

Indian Institute of Health Management Research, Jaipur, India
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This is a ground-breaking eight-day course developed by WHO to meet requests from many individuals and organizations, and to respond to a clear need for more effective planning, research and implementation of rational medicines use practices in the community. It is a condensed version adopted from the official two weeks WHO course on 'Promoting Rational Drug Use in the Community' for health programme staff from ministries of health, universities, development agencies, nongovernmental and other organizations, and individuals interested in improving drug use in the community.

OBJECTIVES

The course concentrates on methods to study and remedy inappropriate medicine use in the community, including an essential analysis of what shapes medicines demand. Participants will be exposed to practical approaches to investigating and prioritizing medicine use problems, and how to develop effective strategies for change. There will also be a focus on rational use of antibiotics, drug use in AIDS, Malaria and TB.

DESIGN

The course is participatory in nature and uses the knowledge, skills and experiences of participants as a major resource throughout. Teaching methods include group activities, fieldwork, presentations and discussions. The course will be conducted in English, and given its interactive nature, the participants are required to have a good command of this language to participate efficiently. The course materials have been developed as per the guidelines of WHO and the International Network for Rational Use of Drugs (INRUD) in collaboration with eminent colleagues in this field. The participants will thus be exposed to a wide range of national and international experience.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Essential Medicines Concept
- What influences medicines use by the consumers
- Investigating medicines use pattern and identifying problems
- How to prioritize problems related to medicines use by the community
- Conducting a rapid appraisal to analyze problems and identification of solutions
- Fieldwork and data analysis
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Face-to-face education
- Advocacy and networking
- Developing research projects linked to interventions
- Understanding rational use of antibiotics, drug use in AIDS, Malaria and TB

COLLABORATING INSTITUTIONS

- WHO's Essential Drugs and Medicines Policy (EDM), Geneva and SEARO, New Delhi
- Delhi Society for Promotion of Rational Use of Drugs (DSPRUD), New Delhi, India
- Rajasthan Society for Promotion of Rational Use of Drugs (RSPRUD), Jaipur, India
- Alliance for Prudent Use of Antibiotics
- Asia-ITC, European Commission

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FEES AND APPLICATION

The fee of Rs. 18,000 (US\$ 400) covers tuition, course materials, field visit, airport/station pickup, shared accommodation at the Institute Guest House and three meals a day. Application forms may be obtained from the contact address. The last date for the receipt of applications is 31 October 2004.

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