

International Training Course on Promoting Rational Use of Drugs in the Community
Institute of Health Management Research, Jaipur, India
March 14-25, 2010

The successful 12 day course on promoting rational use of drugs was developed by WHO to meet requests from many individuals and organizations, responding 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* being organized at this Institute for the 7th time.

Who Should Attend

The course is specifically aimed for policy makers, management staff from Ministries of Health, ARV programme managers, NGO officials responsible for national and local programmes, development aid agencies, social scientists, pharmacists and other public health professionals interested in Promoting Rational Drug Use in the Community.

Objectives

1. To an exposure to methods to study and remedy inappropriate medicine use in the community.
2. To analysis of what shapes medicines demand.
3. To get exposed to practical approaches to investigating and prioritizing medicine use problems, and how to develop effective strategies for change.
4. To understand the rational use of drug for reproductive health and HIV/AIDS.

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. The participants are required to have a good command of this language to participate efficiently.

Collaborating Institutions

WHO SEARO, New Delhi

Alliance for Prudent Use of Antibiotics (APUA)

Rajasthan Society for Promotion of Rational Use of Drugs (RSPRUD), Jaipur, India

Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research, India Chapter (ISPOR - INDIA)

Highlights

- Current access to medicines scenario
- What influences medicines use by the consumers
- Investigating medicines use pattern and identifying problems
- How to prioritize problems related to medicines use the community
- Conducting a rapid appraisal to analyze problem and identification of solutions
- Fieldwork and data analysis
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Face-to-face education
- Advocacy and networking
- Developing research projects linked to interventions

Fees and Application

The fee of US\$ 900 covers shared accommodation at the Institute guesthouse*, tuition, course materials, field visit, airport pickup, and three meals a day. Interested candidates may send CV along with the activities related to RUD that they are involved with or plan to conduct in their own setting in future. The last date for the receipt of applications is February 15, 2010. For further details contact Jawahar S. Bapna MD, PhD prudc.india@gmail.com.

*For single accommodation if available, an additional amount of US\$ 25 per night will have to be paid.