



Distance learning course “ Practical approach to rational antiretroviral treatment”, PAHO/WHO 2009-2010.

Educational Objectives

To enhance the capacity of the participating physicians in

- a) The rational initial management of a person with possible or confirmed HIV infection and
- b) Basic HIV clinical management and care including the rational use of antiretrovirals

Course Facilitators

Specialists in the fields of infectious diseases and HIV/AIDS from the Caribbean and Latin America, with the support of the Argentinean Society of Infectious Diseases (SADI).

Coordinator

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Participants

Physicians and pharmacists from Latin America and the Caribbean who:

- Are infectious disease specialists, internist, pediatricians, obstetricians, family physicians, general practitioners, district medical officers

- Provide care for adults or children with HIV
- Will provide care for adults and children with HIV as HIV services are scaled-up
- Want to increase their knowledge of HIV clinical management
- Work with national HIV/STI Programmes in health care centers (hospitals, ambulatory care centers, or other officially recognized care settings), at different levels of care-primary, secondary and tertiary.

Characteristics of this distance learning course

The course utilizes a problem based learning (PBL) methodology. In this way, simulated clinical situations are presented for its resolution. In addition, all the participants will have the opportunity to participate continuously in the Discussion Forum. It provides opportunities for clarifications, exchanging experiences, opinions, and further understanding of the course materials. The course will be available through the web in two versions: Spanish and English.

Modality

This educational program will be developed along the Public Health Virtual Campus of the PAHO/WHO (in Spanish, *Campus Virtual de Salud Pública de la OPS/OMS*) (<http://www.campusvirtualsp.org/cursos>). The only requirement is to have any kind of internet access.

Duration

Seven months, between November 23th 2009 and June 18th 2010. The estimated time of dedication is 25 hours per month, with a total of 175 hours for the whole training program.

Contents

The course includes five modules. The following subjects will be worked and discussed in each one:

- Module 1: Initial approach to an HIV positive patient
- Module 2: Initiating antiretroviral treatment (ARV).
- Module 3: Changing antiretroviral treatment.
- Module 4: Antiretroviral treatment in children and pregnant women
- Module 5: Recommendations for the post-exposure prophylaxis to the HIV.

Registration Period

Begins October 26th 2009

Electronic address for registration

Registration Forms are available at www.sadi.org.ar

After completing the form, please send it to Sociedad Argentina de Infectología: secretaria@sadi.org.ar

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