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IRAQ UPDATE

In this edition, we feature:

- PTC Facility Visit to IRAQ - Dec. 2009
- 1st PTC Course - Baghdad, IRAQ - 2010

Report of facility visit for PTC Iraq 11-15 December 2009

This PTC project started with a cup of tea shared with **Dr Wasan Al Alwan** in **Jeanne Frossard's** flat. **Dr Wasan** is on the board for CPD for Iraq and she then invited **Jeanne** and **Sir Terence** to Baghdad to introduce the PTC concept. There was a conference on "Health Resources in Iraq" sponsored by the **Iraqi Ministry of Health** and **IMC (International Medical Corporation)**. This seemed to be the ideal opportunity to make contacts and friends.

They travelled to Baghdad via Amman and were kindly met at the airport by **Dr Wasan** and **Dr Yassin**, the President of the ICRS. They were transferred via many checkpoints to the Al Rasheed Hotel, a very splendid hotel built in the eighties and this was the conference venue for the International Scientific Conference of Health Resources.

They were kindly invited by His excellency, **Dr Salih A Hasnawi** to take tea and sweets with himself and his lovely family.

The workshops started the following day and following a presentation of the principles and work of PTC to approximately thirty key people from surgery anaesthesia and emergency medicine. **Jeanne** gave a presentation on PTC and **Sir Terence** chaired the discussion afterwards. The PTC concept was very warmly received. There was a lively discussion to propose recommendations of trauma management in Iraq. The Minister of Health attended part of the workshop.

Following the workshop there was a meeting to finalise the proposals attended by

Dr Hilal Al Saffar – Chairman of the CPD Committee

Dr Adel Abdullah – Director General of the Ministry of Health

Dr Ayad Al Ramadani – Chairman of the Arab Emergency Medical board

Dr Yassin Almamoury – President of the IRCS

Dr Omar Salem Khatab – Consultant Renal transplant surgeon

Dr Waleed Ansari – Consultant Anaesthetist, Director of ICU Baghdad Medical city

Dr Wasan Al Alwan – CPD committee

Sir Terence English

DR Jeanne Frossard

The MOU was signed by **Dr Yassin** for the IRCS and for the Ministry of Health, on behalf of His Excellency.

Plans were made for the first PTC 2/1/2 course to be held at the beginning of April after the elections for security reasons, at the Al Rasheed hotel.

Sir Terence travelled back to the UK and **Jeanne** stayed and gave a lecture at the conference on PTC to an audience of about four hundred people and hopefully made further contacts and friends for the PTC family. There were many enquiries about the course during the conference after the presentation. The Minister of Health was present for the presentation. **Jeanne** then travelled back to the UK via Amman.

The plan was to get instructors from other countries apart from the UK to come and run the course so that the international contacts of PTC were reinforced and there was more communication about PTC between different countries.

Report By

Jeanne Frossard and Sir Terence English

1st Primary Trauma Care Course, Al Rasheed Hotel Baghdad, Iraq 28th March -1st April, 2010

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Executive Summary

- First PTC course in Iraq jointly organised by PTC Foundation, Ministry of Health and Red Crescent Society of Iraq.
- Five instructors from Pakistan and UK conducted the course; Prof John Beavis, Dr Jeanne Frossard and Dr Shariq Ali were joined by Dr Saeed Minhas and Dr Arshad Taqi from Pakistan. Local facilitator of the course was Dr Omar Khatab from Baghdad.
- The instructors and local facilitators held a pre-course meeting after lunch on 27th April, where the logistics were finalized.
- Participants of the founding course consisted of surgeons, anaesthetists and emergency physicians from Baghdad and Basra to give it a wide geographical representation.
- A two-day PTC founding course, followed by a one-day instructors' course were run.
- The course was conducted in Al Rasheed Hotel instead of a health facility, keeping in view the security concerns.
- First session of the course was attended by the President of Iraq Red Crescent Society, Dr Yassin Almamoury.
- His Excellency, Dr Salah Al-Hasnawi, the Minister of Health of Iraq joined the team of instructors for dinner on the second day of the course and discussed the strategies for adoption of PTC programme in Iraq.

Purpose of the Course

- To introduce and teach the concepts and principles of PTC to the doctors of the various institutions of Iraq.
- To introduce a programme that trains the healthcare providers to deal with the trauma victims in an organized and timely manner with the available resources.
- To offer assistance and mutual co-operation to the PTC founding committee of Iraq to implement such a program.

Background

The present course at AL Rasheed Hotel, Baghdad was the result of an initial effort by Dr Jeanne Frossard and Sir Terrence English with Iraqi officials including Dr Wasan Al Alwan. The report

of this initial visit prepared by Dr Jeanne Frossard is attached.

Iraq has gone through a long period of wars and civil unrest and terrorism. The clinicians working there have extensive experience in dealing with trauma.

There is a need for a uniform approach to the care of trauma victims; keeping in view a large disparity in resources, manpower and equipment in the country. Primary trauma care programme was identified as a programme that could be widely adopted with the available resources.

The first course was designed to develop a core group of clinicians who will take it all over the country.

It was kept in mind that the level of course should not be an exhaustive exploration of clinical traumatology but to remain focused on the ABCDE of resuscitation. The format and contents of the lectures, small group discussions and the skill stations were kept realistic with the appropriate models and equipments.

Key staff involved in PTC Baghdad Course

Faculty

Dr John Beavis

Dr Jeanne Frossard

Dr Shariq Ali (Course Director)

Dr Saeed Minhas

Dr Arshad Taqi

Host Committee

Dr Omar Khatab (Consultant Surgeon)

Dr Alaa Hussain (Consultant Anaesthetist)

Dr Nawfal Ali Mubarak (Consultant Anaesthetist)



Overall Timetable

Thursday 25th March Arrival of **Dr Saeed Minhas** in Baghdad.

Friday 26th March Arrival of **Dr Arshad Taqi** in Baghdad.

Saturday 27th March Arrival of **Prof John Beavis, Dr Jeanne Frossard** and **Dr Shariq Ali**. Precourse meeting with local facilitators.

Sunday 28th March 1st Day of **PTC Foundation Course**.

Monday 29th March 2nd Day of **PTC Foundation Course**.

Tuesday 30th March **PTC Instructors Course** and formation of **PTC Iraq** Committee.

Tuesday 31st March 1st Day of **PTC** course run by Iraq faculty.

Wednesday 1st April 2nd Day of **PTC** course run by Iraq faculty.

Thursday 2nd April Return Flights to UK and Baghdad.

Participants of the initial course consisted of surgeons, anaesthetists and emergency physicians who are involved in teaching and training. Equal representation of Basra and Baghdad was meant to ensure a broad geographical dispensation of the programme.

Dr Omar Khatab was the local coordinator for the course. **Dr Nawfal Ali Mubarak** from Basra and **Dr. Alaa Hussain** from Baghdad facilitated during the sessions. The participants demonstrated great enthusiasm for the course; all of them attended the Instructors course on day 3. Faculty was identified for the course conducted by the local faculty during the following 2 days. A meeting of the faculty was held following the instructor course.

20 Residents of the postgraduate programme in emergency medicine; Medical City Baghdad attended following **PTC** provider course, which was conducted exclusively by the local faculty. Foreign faculty observed the proceedings. The course was conducted with great precision with very keen and knowledgeable participants. The residents participating in this course came from different areas of Iraq; they will return to their native cities and hopefully become the nucleus of **PTC** training there.

List of Participants

Abdullatif Talib Al Hadithi Orthopaedic Surgeon
Ahmed Hamid Jasim General Surgeon
Ahmed Najim Abdul Nabi General Surgeon



Ahmed R Hizam	General Surgeon
Alaa Hussein	Anaesthetist
Amad A Abood	General Surgeon
Ammar Ehsan Shark	Emergency Physician
Bashar Tahalali	Anaesthetist
Bushra Abdul Amar	Anaesthetist
Hassan Sarhaan	Anaesthetist
Imad Fahd al Sakram	General Surgeon
Jassim H. Salim Al Atubi	General Surgeon
Layla Khalil Ibrahim	Anaesthetist
Nawfal Ali Mubark	Anaesthetist
Omar Salem Khaattab	General Surgeon
Osama Haider Al-Hasany	Anaesthetist
Rafid AbdulJabbar Mohammed	General Surgeon
Salah A. AL-Saeed	General Surgeon
Salam Fadhil Mohammed	Orthopaedic Surgeon

Course Instructors

- **Professor John Beavis**, University College London & Leonard Cheshire Institute for Conflict Recovery, UK
- **Dr Jeanne Frossard**, Consultant Anaesthetist, UCLH NHS Foundation Trust, London, UK
- **Dr Shariq Ali**, Senior Specialty Doctor, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Essex, UK
- **Dr Saeed Minhas**, Asst. Professor & Consultant in Orthopedic Surgery, JPMC, Karachi, Pakistan.
- **Dr Arshad Taqi**, Consultant Anaesthetist, Kaul Associates, Hameed Latif Hospital, Lahore

Contents and Venue of the Foundation Primary Trauma Care Course

The course was held in Al-Rashid hotel due to security concerns. The tables were arranged in a U-shaped fashion, which gave the presenter an access to all participants.

Three corners were used for the workshops. Manikins and other teaching aides had to be transported from outside the hotel, which became a serious limitation since some of the training aides; like an airway manikin, could not be arranged.

The proceedings started after a 30-minute delay as the Minister for Health was expected to attend the inaugural session. Reducing the duration of the talks during the first session compensated for the delay.

The subjects presented during the founding PTC course are outlined in the program.

Course content was similar to what is advised in the PTC manual. The instructors used different styles of lecturing and different audiovisual aids, like PowerPoint, whiteboard and group discussion. The lectures were well received by the participants, who were themselves involved in this exercise. The language did not pose a problem as all the participants had a fair knowledge of English. The workshops were a little crowded, given the confines of space but there was ample time for individual interaction. Case scenarios served well for the purpose of team building and leadership exercise, besides emphasizing on important issues of clinical care.

Course Program

2 DAY PTC COURSE PROGRAMME

DAY 1

9.00 15 minutes
Introduction **Prof. Beavis/Dr Frossard**

9.15 30 minutes Local trauma perspective and MCQ **Dr Omar Khattab & PTC Team**

9.45 30 minutes ABCDE of Trauma and Primary survey **Dr Shariq Ali**

10.15 45 minutes Airway and Breathing **Dr Jeanne Frossard**

11.00 15 minutes BREAK

10.15 45 minutes Circulation and Shock **Dr Arshad Taqi**

12.00 80 minutes Skill stations Basic Airway Advanced Airway/Cervical spine/Chest drains **Dr Arshad Taqi/Dr Jeanne Frossard/Dr Saeed Minhas/Prof Beavis**

13.20 40 minutes LUNCH BREAK

14.00 30 minutes Secondary survey **Dr Shariq Ali**

14.30 15 minutes Demonstration Scenario **PTC Team**

14.45 60 minutes Scenarios **PTC Team**

15.45 15 minutes BREAK

16.00 30 minutes Chest injuries **Prof. John Beavis**

16.30 15 minutes Overview and summary **Dr Shariq Ali**

DAY 2

9.00 30 minutes Head and Spinal injuries **Dr Saeed Minhas**

9.30 30 minutes Abdominal and Limb injuries **Prof. John Beavis**



10.00 30 minutes Trauma in Children and Pregnancy **Dr Jeanne Frossard**

10.30 15 minutes BREAK

10.45 30 minutes Burns

11.15 80 minutes Workshops Analgesia/Transportation/Paediatrics/Neurological assessment **Dr Arshad Taqi/Prof Beavis/Shariq Ali/Dr Jeanne Frossard/Dr Saeed Minhas**

12.35 55 minutes LUNCH BREAK

13.30 30 minutes Disaster management **Dr Shariq Ali**

14.00 90 minutes Scenarios **PTC Team**

15.30 15 minutes BREAK

15.45 15 minutes Multiple choice paper **PTC Team**

16.00 15 minutes Summary and evaluation **Dr Shariq Ali**

16.15 15 minutes Certificates and close **Faculty & Hosts**

1 DAY PTC INSTRUCTORS' COURSE PROGRAMME

9.00 5 minutes Introduction **Dr Jeanne Frossard**

9.05 15 minutes How adults learn **Dr Shariq Ali**

9.20 15 minutes Asking questions **Dr Saeed Minhas**

9.35 25 minutes Feedback **Dr Jeanne Frossard**

10.00 How to give presentations
20 minutes General introduction **Dr Shariq Ali**
20 minutes Lecture **Dr Jeanne Frossard**

10.40 15 minutes BREAK

10.55 20 minutes Discussion group **Dr Shariq Ali**
15 mins Teaching a skill **Dr Saeed Minhas**
15 mins Scenario **Prof. John Beavis**

11.45 60 minutes LUNCH BREAK

12.45 120 minutes WORKSHOPS
Lecture **Dr Jeanne Frossard**
Discussion group **Dr Shariq Ali**
Teaching a skill **Dr Saeed Minhas**
Scenario **Prof. John Beavis**

14.45 15 minutes BREAK

15.00 15 minutes Language issues **Dr Jeanne Frossard**

15.15 30 minutes Instructor course evaluation
(evaluation sheet, brainstorming and instructor
details form)

Dr Shariq Ali

15.45 30 minutes Where to go from here
(Discussion group)

Setting up a committee

**Prof. John Beavis/DrJeanne Frossard/Faculty/
participants & Hosts**

16.15 FINISH

Instructor course, Tuesday, 30th March

Following the 2 day PTC course all the participants proceeded to take part in the PTC instructor course, which was Directed and convened by **Dr Shariq Ali**. Standard PTC format and presentation were used, with some images added for emphasis by individual presenters. **Dr Shariq Ali** talked about adult learning after introduction by **Dr Jeanne Frossard**. The standard format of PTC Instructors Course was followed. The participants were very receptive and actively participated in the discussions.

Since some of the candidates had to leave and all the remaining ones were keen to complete the instructor course this was opened to 15 doctors.

Plan for the following course, which was scheduled to start on the following day and run by the local faculty, was discussed. Faculty for the course was selected; they held a pre-course meeting after dinner.

After the course

Second course, run by the local faculty was held on 31st March and 1st April 2010, at the same venue, with the international faculty as observers. The instructors were equally divided between Baghdad and Basra. The participants were the postgraduate trainees in Emergency Medicine from Baghdad; they originally hailed from different areas of country.



They had a good knowledge of principles of trauma



care; they could appreciate the value of a structured approach to the management of a trauma victim.

The course faculty handled the lectures and discussions very well. They used their skills in Arabic very well; switching from English to Arabic whenever some point needed clarification or emphasis. The schedule was followed and time management was very good. The maturity shown by the course faculty and enthusiasm of the participants is very encouraging.

These young doctors were particularly enthusiastic about the course and there were many enquiries about becoming instructors. It is **Dr Omar's** hope that these doctors become involved as instructors for PTC early on.

Sadly, it was impossible for people to stay for the formation of the committee at the end of the course but as this has been loosely formed already it was felt there was enough structure in place to continue PTC. **Dr Omar** and **Dr Alaa** are the main organisers in Baghdad and **Dr Nawfal** in Basra.

Dr Taqi kindly set up an internet chat group so that ideas about PTC in Iraq can be shared.

Notes on delivery of the Course and lessons learnt

- Except for the 30 minute delay during the inaugural session, the schedule was followed during both courses.
- The course was held in the hotel, in a tight security environment. This created a limitation of space as one hall was booked and the open area was not available for the workshops. The medical school in Baghdad has a simulation centre, which would be an ideal place for such courses; the training aides could not be brought to the hotel. The absence of airway manikin, airway management devices, splints etc. was felt during the workshops. The tables were used instead of the couches. These limitations were overcome by some clever improvisations.
- Video clips demonstrating some of the practical procedures could be a part of our armamentarium, in case the local facilitators cannot arrange appropriate training aides.

Evaluation of the success and relevance of the visit

An objective evaluation of individual components by



the participants is attached, showing that the course was generally well received. The participants did not write many comments on the evaluation form. Most of the comments were appreciative; they are encouraging but do not add to the feedback in order to improve further.

COMMENTS OF PTC COURSE

Based on the few comments received on the feedback form

WHAT WAS THE BEST PART OF THE COURSE?

Most of the comments appreciated the value of case scenarios.

WHAT WOULD YOU SUGGEST TO CHANGE?

1. Skills stations should have more movie clips.
2. More training aides at the skill stations.

Multiple Choice Questions

The participants were given the MCQ test to solve before the beginning of the course.

They were asked to review their answers at the end of the course to assess the value of the course in increasing their level of knowledge. This was meant for self assessment and not as a test of knowledge.

Hospitality

The faculty was received at the airport and stayed at Al-Rasheed Hotel, which is situated in the maximum security zone. Movement was restricted to hotel, keeping in view the security of the delegates. They were very well looked after, a senior officer of the ministry of health stayed in the hotel with the participants and faculty to facilitate them.

Minister of Health, His Excellency **Dr. Salih Mehdi Al-Hasnawi** joined the faculty for dinner on the 30th March. **Dr Yassin**, Head of **Iraq Red Crescent Society** was also present on the occasion. He discussed his vision of medical education and implementation of PTC programme in Iraq. He extended an invitation to the faculty to visit his native town, the holy city of Karbala. **Dr Saeed Minhas** and **Dr Arshad Taqi** accepted the invitation and were taken for an overnight trip as the guests of the Ministry of Health and **Iraq Red Crescent Society**.

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for the completion of this report and for establishing the **PTC Iraq** cyber group. **Dr Jeanne Frossard** kindly prepared the attached pre-course report and edited this report and I am thankful for that **Professor John Beavis** was the most experienced, most learned and fortunately having the best sense of humour amongst us all and the course would have never been such a success without his wise supervision and great laugh.

Dr Shariq Ali FRCS
Course Director PTC Iraq

(This report plus an image gallery from the course is now available to read/view online at www.primarytraumacare.org)

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