

PTC Report from Southern India 2004-2008

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Many institutions and individuals in Southern India run courses on management of trauma. These are primarily done by ITACCS or ATLS trained personnel. In fact ITACCS runs courses every year with input from Australia, UK and USA. We therefore wondered whether PTC would be redundant. However, the strength of PTC is in its simplicity and adaptability to most situations and trainees. With this in mind we

1) Introduced it into the regular curriculum of the Christian Medical College. All students attend the PTC course just before starting their internship. This course is run twice a year (They do the BLS course during their 3rd year in medical college) and the number of trainees range from 25 to 60 per session.

2) As a distance learning module with the PTC booklet as reading material) and a 2 day contact course for doctors who have finished their internship and are working in secondary hospitals and remote locations. This is run once a year. The first such course was run in July 2007 with 16 students.

3) Early trauma care and prevention of trauma taught to the layman – school children, ambulance workers, policemen etc.

4) District level courses – short ½ day courses to private practitioners and doctors in secondary hospitals in various districts of the state on managing paediatric trauma, poisoning, drowning and accidents to the pregnant woman.

5) One day workshop in management of paediatric trauma as part of the Asian society of Paediatric Anaesthesia in September 2006. Rob McDougall, Neil Mathews and Charles Cote along with instructors from the Christian Medical college conducted the hands on workshop with lively case discussions and interaction.

Nos 1-4 are ongoing programs conducted on a regular basis.

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