



PTC REPORT

Saida, Lebanon

29-30 September 2012

Purpose

MSF decided to provide support for the cascading of the training once in each Governorate of Lebanon (North, Bekaa, South and Beirut/Mount Lebanon), where we started the first cascade training in Saida. We aimed to train 20 candidates in the Foundation course for future candidates for the Instructors' course that basically will take place beginning of next year.

The participants were selected from mainly hospitals covering Saida inside and outside Ein el Helwe Palestinian camp:

Al Aksa hospital
Al Hamshari hospital (The Palestinian Red Crescent Society)
Human call
Saida Governmental hospital

Executive Summary

The participants came from a two out of four range of hospital systems leaving a participation rate of 50% where the course was hosted by MSF Switzerland.

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MSF team make the first on-site and logistic preparation; where we have distributed and met with the general directors of the hospitals to inform about PTC training and have re-contacted the instructors to select the ones available for the training. In addition; coordination meeting was done with the instructors to agree on the tasks & scenarios distribution.

The training facility was at the Hamshari Hospital in Saida. All skill stations and support desks were situated in one, large meeting room. Projection equipment was available for the teaching and a slaughtered goat was brought in for the demonstrations of chest drain insertions. The course was conducted as planned in the "2" foundation course format.

Days 1 & 2: The foundation course

The faculty consisted of:

Dr Fathallah Fattouh, Cardiovascular thoracic surgery, (Course director)

Dr. Omar Ayyash, Anesthesia& ICU (Instructor)

Dr. Mariam al Hasan, Pediatrician, (Instructor)

Dr. Hicham el Maoula, ER Resident (Instructor)

Dr. Mohammed Moussawi , General physician (Instructor)

Dr Mohamad Mazen Halawi, Anesthesia and reanimation (Instructor)

Mr. Hani Haidar, Medical Team leader, MSF. (Instructor)

Between them 5 were selected during the first PTC training in Beirut as instructors and 2 have attended the instructor course and the course director have validated their participation.

The teaching was conducted in English supplemented by Arabic most of the time. The instructors tried as much as possible dialogue to maintain engagement during the training.

Many of the participants were already familiar with trauma management techniques and some had experience in parts of the training curriculum. The emphasis of this PTC course, therefore, was on embedding the processes and keeping them simple.

The results of the Multiple Choice Questionnaire were positive; the average of pre test was 67% versus a 79% post test. When we have asked about the best part of the course delivered during the training the highest score (20%) was for the disaster management followed by equally most of the topics, ABCDE and scenarios practice(18%) followed equally by 9% each of burns, head and spinal trauma and practical way of discussion.

64% evaluated day 1 as very good compared to 25% as good and 11% didn't answer.

49% evaluated day 2 as very good compared to 20% as good and 31% didn't answer.

Combined 72% evaluated day1&2 as very good compared to 28% as good.

Replying to the question ;What would you like to change, 19% said nothing followed equally by cover BLS, more time for training, develop disaster scenarios include paramedics, give answers for MSQ, develop more paediatrics and burns scenarios.

A total of 11 out of 20 attended and completed the foundation course (see following page). 5 of them ER doctors, 2 orthopaedics, one surgeon, one gynaecologist and 2 MSF nurses.

Participants – Days 1 & 2

Name	Specialty	Hospital	Email
1. Dr. Rajaa Abou Ali	ER	Hamshary-PRCS	
2. Dr. Chadi Afgani	Ortho	Hamshary-PRCS	
3. Dr. Ali Bleibel	ER	Hamshary-PRCS	
4. Dr. Walid Yassin	ER	Hamshary-PRCS	
5. Dr. Maher Karroum	Ortho	Hamshary-PRCS	
6. Dr. Insaf Balous	ER	Human Call	
7. Dr. Ali Yahya	Surgeon	Human Call	
8. Dr. Mahmoud El-Sleiman	Gyneco	Human Call	
9. Dr. Mahmoud Tehaybech	ER	Human Call	
10. Mr. Mohammad Sunallah	Nurse	MSF	
11. Mr. Mohammad Zeidan	Nurse	MSF	

As per the previous oral agreement with the instructors from the first training in Beirut, they showed high commitment from different groups to continue the cascade in Lebanon where one of the instructors have developed a website for PTC training in Lebanon but not shared yet. MSF will continue to support the logistics will be used to keep in touch.

Following the instructor course there was a brainstorming session in order to prepare for the future cascade training of PTC in Lebanon. The course director and the instructors agreed that the courses must cover a wider number of hospitals representing all Lebanon and participants to include doctors. And for the next training to invite more hospitals and participants because of the attrition rate among the doctors that is always expected and this is how we can be more representative as well.

There was some recommendation from the course instructors about some participants that could participate later on for the instructor course that are Dr. Mahmoud El-Sleiman, Dr. Walid Yassin, Dr. Chadi Afgani and the 2 MSF nurses; Mr. Mohammad Sunallah & Mr. Mohammad Zeidan. It was recommended as well from the instructors to prepare more for the scenarios for later one and Dr Fattouh the course director has nominated Dr. Mohammed Moussawi to be the course director for the training in Bekaa.

Representatives from each location where the training will take place are more advisable so that to select the instructors that are originally from the area of the training.

The following are the names of the doctors that were invited and didn't show up:

Name	Specialty	Hospital	Email
1. Miss sabah Sakakiny	Risk Management	SGH	
2. Dr. Yahya Chhab	ER	SGH	
3. Dr. Ibrahim Naser	ICU	SGH	
4. Dr. Elie Masaad	ICU	SGH	
5. Dr. Mona Nour El Din	ER	SGH	
6. Dr. Majdi Chehade	ER	Human call	
7. Dr. Ibrahim Marshoud	GP	Al Aksa	
8. Dr. Wael Miaary	GP	Al Aksa	
9. Dr. Fayez Darwish	GP	Al Aksa	

Meeting with the ATLS leadership

MSF (Zeina Ghantous, PTC coordinator) have met again with representatives of the Lebanon Chapter of ATLS Diana Ch. El Skaff the National Course Coordinator.

During the meeting, it was raised again that the PTC courses exist to encourage health professional to achieve the highest possible standards of clinical practice in situations where the equipment and facilities are lacking. The general aim is not to compete with ATLS but we agreed that the incentive is that we can share with ATLS potential participants that we nominate as good candidate to attend the ATLS course where they can offer them financial coverage.

In line of what has agreed, as PTC Lebanon we wont submit again to the CME credits since ATLS is offering that but the agreement from the ministry of public health although not signed yet due administrative delay from the ministry but it is still ongoing.

Acknowledgments

we are very grateful to the course director and instructors who voluntarily devoted their precious time for the preparation of the training and the delivery of its content and showed their expected enthusiasm to continue and participate for the later cascade at other region of Lebanon.

In particular we wish to thank Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) represented by Mr Fabio Forgione (Head of Mission) for his support and his certainty in the importance of such a course, besides MSF Saida team for the logistic support and for sponsoring and promoting the course and to the Hamshari hospital for the use of their facilities.

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This report was written MSF **Switzerland in Lebanon**. A Copy sent to PTCF in Oxford and to all participating instructors.