

PTC REPORT

Tripoli, North of Lebanon

1st and 2nd of December 2012

Purpose

The purpose of this training is to continue the cascade of the training in each Governorate of Lebanon. We aimed to train 20 candidates in the Foundation course for future candidates for the Instructors' course that will take place beginning of next year.

The participants were selected from main hospitals covering the north where in this training we have succeeded to represent and cover significantly the whole north governorate with its districts. we distributed invitations for 26 hospitals and 1 dispensary among them 24 hospitals and one dispensary have participated that are the follow:

1. Islamic hospital(Tripoli)
2. Governmental hospital(Tripoli)
3. Dar al Zahraa(Tripoli)
4. Dar el shifa'a hospital(Tripoli)
5. Zahraa dispensary(Tripoli)
6. Nini hospital(Tripoli)
7. Haykal (Tripoli)
8. Salam (Tripoli)
9. al mazloun new(Tripoli)
10. Shahine(Tripoli)
11. PRCS(Tripoli)
12. Orange Nasso(Tripoli)
13. mounla hospital (Tripoli)
14. El Kheir(Miniyeh)
15. Hopital Notre Dame de la Paix(quobayet)
16. Halba gov(halba)
17. Akkar Rahal(halba)
18. El Yussef Medical Center(halba)
19. Dinniyeh(dinniyeh)
20. Hopital Saydet Zgharta(Zgharta)
21. Ehden (Ehden)
22. Batroun(Batroun)
23. Koura hospital(Koura)
24. Bchare hospital(Bchare)
25. Burji Hospital(Amioun)

The other two hospitals that didn't attend one was because the medical director was out of the country so he didn't select and the other hospitals they had shortage in doctors.

Executive Summary

The participants came from as mentioned 24 hospitals and one dispensary out of 26 hospitals; out of 37 participants invited 37 has confirmed their attendance while 34 has attended the course the first day leaving a participation rate of 92%, and the second day 29 has attended leaving a participation rate of 79%, which is the highest among the other trainings done and was above expectations. The course was hosted by MSF Switzerland.

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MSF team made the first on-site and logistic preparation; where we have distributed and met with the general and medical 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 reason behind the high participation rate is due to many reasons; among them the high commitment of the doctors, the venue of the training that was the order of physicians -a neutral place- where the doctors are used to come to attend lectures and trainings, the CME credits that was offered by the order of physicians and not offered at other places and the high involvement and follow up by the course Director, Dr Omar Ayyash in addition to the instructors.

We were fully aware of the ideal number that should be 20 participants but as a back up we are always inviting double the numbers accounting for attrition rate but this time the participation was above expected and that the instructors at the same time showed readiness of receiving the high numbers. The training facility was held as mentioned at order of physicians in Tripoli that is the capital city of the north. Although the security situation in Tripoli was about to deteriorate but that didn't affect the attendance expect the end of the second day where they have preferred to skip the lunch and finish earlier leaving before the security situation exacerbate, but the course director decided to stick to the plan as it is and we didn't skip any part.

All skill stations and support desks were situated in 2 rooms, including the meeting room where the place was not too large enough but we managed. 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. Omar Ayyash, Anesthesia& ICU (Course director/instructor)

Dr Wassim Darwiche, Orthopedic surgeon (Instructor)

Dr. Fathallah Fattouh, Cardiovascular thoracic surgery (Instructor)

Dr. Hicham el Maoula, ER Resident (Instructor)

Among them 3 were selected during the first PTC training in Beirut as instructors and Dr Maoula have participated in all the PTC training as instructor besides being previously validated by the other course director.

Ideally the number of instructors should be four, but one night before the training the fourth instructors had apologised to participate having a medical problem and for this training we didn't have other instructors available at that date, due to that the course director was obliged to be both instructor and director assisted by the course coordinator to monitor the time.

The teaching material was conducted in English but presented in Arabic most of the time. The instructors tried as much as possible dialogue to maintain engagement during the training leaving quite a good interaction level.

Some of the participants were already familiar with trauma management techniques where it is always that 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 57% versus 77% post test. The lowest grade for pre test was 1% compared to 16% post test but this is mainly due to the language barrier were they have asked the MCQ questions to be in French or Arabic because they are not good in English. When we have asked the participants about the best part of the course delivered during the training the highest score (61%) was for most of the topics followed by (27%) for Scenarios' practice & skill stations and equally of (4%) each for Trauma in children, head and spinal trauma and burns.

Combined 71% evaluated day1&2 as very good compared to 28% as good& 1% as poor. Replying to the question; what would you like to change, 76% said nothing followed by 12% develop more scenarios and workshop, and followed 8% improve scenarios and 4% more videos and pictures.

A total of 34 out of 37 invited has attended the first day, 29 had attended the second day but 27 has completed the foundation course (see following page). 11 of them are ER doctors, 18 General practitioners, 1 gyneco, 1 surgeon, 1 anaesthetist, 3 nurses.

Participants – Days 1 & 2

Name	Specialty	Hospital	Email
1. Dr Khaled Diab	ER doctor	Nini hospital	
2. Dr Erina Melhem	ER doctor	Saydet Zgharta	
3. Mrs Ayda Hammoud	Nurse	Zahraa dispensary/MSF	
4. Dr Jean Moussa	GP	Koura hospital	
5. Dr Ibrahim Ayoubi	ER	Dinniyeh	
6. Dr Maya Chahda	GP	Haykal	
7. Dr Abdo Salame	ER	Batroun	
8. Dr Ali el Masri	GP	Akkar Rahal	
9. Dr Hisham Mahfouz**	GP	Halba Gov	
10. Dr Khaled abou Hamad	ER	Hopital Notre Dame de la Paix	
11. Dr Nizar Omran**	Gyneco	Zahraa dispensary/MSF	
12. Dr Hussam Hafza	ER	Islamic hospital	
13. Dr Camille Hoblos	GP	Shahine Hospital	
14. Dr Youssef Taouk	GP	Bcharre hospital	
15. Dr Jihad Bitar	Head of ER	mounla hospital	
16. Dr Hussam Chahine	ER	Islamic hospital	
17. Dr Tareq Jamal	Surgeon	Dar al Zahraa	
18. Dr Antoine Haddad	ER	Salam	
19. Dr Kifah Mikhael	GP	Ehden	
20. Dr Ahmad Zahraman	GP	El Youssef Medical Center	
21. Dr Wassim Dandashi	GP	El Youssef Medical Center	
22. Mrs Farah Milyani	nurse	MSF	
23. Dr Abboud Zrika	anasteisit	Governmental hospital	
24. Dr Nihal Jomaa	ER	Mazloum	
25. Dr Nuhad Mrad	ER	Zahraa dispensary	
26. Dr Nasser el Asaad	GP	Tripoli gover	
27. Dr Mohamad Khodrine	GP	Halba gov	
28. Dr Mario Mattar	GP	Borgi Hospital	
29. Mrs Nayfe Rachid	Nurse	MSF	
30. Dr Rabah Fafez**	GP	Dar el Shifa	

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31. Dr Ayed abou Hussein**	GP	PRCS	
32. Dr Ahmad Moghrabi**	GP	Orange Nasso	
33. Dr Fayad Fayad**	GP	Hopital de la paix	
34. Dr Moustafa Abd el Karim*	GP	Mazloum Hospital	
35. Dr Chady Saleh**	GP	El youssef hospital	
36. Dr Samer Jaber	GP	El kheir hospital	

*** These doctors didn't attend either the first or the second day and didn't get the certificate as well.

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 they showed their willingness to participate support and trained in the other following trainings. As well as, MSF will continue to support the logistics part to be able to carry on the cascade of the trainings.

Following the instructor course there was a brainstorming session evaluating the instructor performance and in order to prepare for the future cascade training of PTC in Lebanon. The course director and the instructors agreed to have always backup instructors in order to avoid last minute surprise and it is better to have 5 instructors rather than 4. As well as for a backup plan, the instructors agreed that they should rotate on the lectures that they are presenting to be prepared just in case we will have any unexpected absence.

As the director evaluation, he mentioned that they were able to deliver a good part of the PTC main message that was reflected during the participant interaction during the scenarios and reflected as well in their scores post test. There were a big number of participants (29) that was not easy to manage combined with the small number of instructors. He has suggested if we can have from the pool of the MCQ questions, different ones and he suggested that the topic of the workshop can be determined after the need that will show from the stations and the skills.

For the preparatory phase of the course, to give it more time and to meet not only 15 days before the course but one month prior to that and if we can have the names of the participants ahead of time so that we can divide the groups before related to more organizational procedures.

As in every training, there are suggestions to increase the practical part and to include more skills and this is reflected by the participants 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. Jihad Bitar, Dr. Khaled abou Hamad, Dr Aboudi Zreika, Dr Hussam Hafza, Dr Iryna Melhem and Dr Youssef Taouk.



CME

We have been offered CME credits by the Order of Physicians for those who have attended the 2 days training where this was facilitated and offered after the president approval and the getting the CVs from the instructors. This was of a additional added value to the training.

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we are very grateful as usual to the course director and instructors who voluntary 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.

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