

PTC COURSE REPORT WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA

1st – 5th September 2014

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COSECSA Oxford Orthopaedic Link (COOL)

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Background:

Namibia is a vast, beautiful country with a small, predominantly rural population. Outside the capital Windhoek, patients need to travel large distances to seek medical care. The relatively good road infrastructure with sealed roads between most major towns means that traffic collisions are generally high-speed and result in a large burden of morbidity and mortality.

The School of Medicine is only recently established and 2014 sees the graduation of the country's first completely 'home-grown' doctors. The centres of medical education are Windhoek (population 350,000) and Oshakati / Ondangwa, the major population hub in the north (population 60,000) near the border with Angola.

Summary:

This was the first PTC course to be held in Namibia. The venue was the School of Medicine building in UNAM, which was well equipped with IT facilities and training manikins. We were also fortunate enough to meet and talk to Professor N'yarango (Dean) and Dr Odonkor (Vice-Dean) of the Medical School along with some of their staff over a working lunch.

A standard PTC format was used and data for the COOL project was fastidiously collected.

A total of 19 clinicians (18 medical, 1 nurse) & were trained on days 1 and 2, of whom 12 took the instructor course on day 3. They then trained 18 medical students on days 4 and 5. Pre-course MCQ and confidence scores were relatively high in all groups, but all showed improvement post-course. One of the medical students obtained 100% on the post-course MCQ!

Mr Charles Clayton PTC C.E.O attended the course on days 3 and 4 to observe the training. There was no media coverage.

Key staff involved in planning and coordinating:

1. Prof. Mohammed Labib, Consultant Urologist, Windhoek
2. Dr. Mark Pulletz, Consultant in Intensive Care Medicine & Anaesthesia, Dorchester, UK
3. Dr Jeanne Frossard, Consultant Anaesthetist, UCLH, London, UK
4. Mr Tim Walsh, Retired General Surgeon, Isle of Wight, UK
5. Mr Don McCreadie, Consultant in Emergency Medicine, UK
6. Ms Annette Clack, PTCF Administrator, Oxford, UK
7. Ms Lidia Muraraganda , Secretarial Services, UNAM

Participants Days 1 & 2 (*Day 3 instructors in bold italics*):

Prof. Mohammed Labib

Shadreck Sibanda

Sydney Mukondomi

Alex van der Horst

Safia A Yussuf

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Upendo Simwanza

Christian Mukunge Ndambi

Dmytro Mialkovskyi

Amushila Junias



Charles Clayton & Prof. Mohammed Labib

Participants for Days 4 & 5 (Final Year Medical Students):

Kathy van Niekirk

Mirjam Joseph

Jessica Kirchner-Frankle

Andre de Jager

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Pascal Walters

Rachel Haludilu

Simon Antindi

Diana Shilomboleni

Rashischa Peters

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Medical Students (& Faculty) at the end of their PTC course

The PTC method was well received and proved a great success. The ability to adapt the teaching techniques and resources to local healthcare environments was particularly welcomed.

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