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PTC & INSTRUCTOR COURSE REPORTS

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Summary

The third PTC course was held for 36 candidates who came from Upper East, Upper West and Northern regions of Ghana. From this 4 instructors candidates (IC) were identified. Together with 4 instructors from the June course, these 4 new IC's successfully completed the 1-day Training of Trainers course which was held one week later.

Background

The first two PTC courses and ToT course for Ghana, (indeed for the West of Africa) were established four months previously in the Upper East Region (UER) due to funding source from the Ghana-AfriKids-Southampton (G.A.S.) partnership. From this it was anticipated that future courses would be conducted with Accra faculty as the lead. Unfortunately funding was not established in time for the 2nd visit this year of G.A.S. UK leads. It was decided, therefore, to continue with plans to continue training in the UER, with funds once more kindly provided by the G.A.S. Partnership.

Due to logistical challenges, the original plan to start of training with the 2nd ToT course had to be changed so that the 3rd PTC course ran first. Faculty comprised 2 UK and 4 Ghana instructors (details below). 36 candidates registered and completed the 2-day course. Whilst this number was greater than anticipated, the course was a success due to the hard work of instructors and instructor candidates who shadowed and supported the smooth flow of the programme. The particular value of this course was the fact that the other two regions, Upper West (UWR = 6) and Northern (NR = 12) were better represented than in June. This is important to support development and sustainability of training programmes in the future. (UER = 19)

The 2nd ToT course ran one week later. Disappointingly, due to the unscheduled re-dating of this course the instructors comprised the 2 UK instructors together with one Ghana instructor. However 7 new instructors evolved from this course and they included all three regions.

Between June and this course the UER instructors succeeded in forming a committee and had met on 3 occasions. They had planned to run 3 courses prior to the visit by the UK team in October. However clinical pressures outside of their control prevented this taking place. However this did indicate the active commitment instructors and the Regional Health Director have in promoting growth in knowledge and skills for trauma management.

Preparation and Venue

Due to funding streams this 3rd PTC course for Ghana was conducted in a rural region. The advantage of this came from the fact that the recently trained instructors were able to consolidate their teaching skills in an environment familiar to all. Disappointingly the training kit identified from the June course was incomplete (some items possibly had been used for other training courses in the intervening 4 months). However once the course started, the programme ran smoothly and the 2 UK faculty mentors played a supporting role in the main, stepping in to cover some teaching sessions when 1 instructor was held up with transport issues (a common challenge in rural settings).

The course printed materials were prepared the day before the course. The instructor course, as explained above, was run 1 week later, using the new (2015) course material.

Course Participants

Of the 36 candidates, there were 23 nurses, 2 physician assistants, 4 anaesthetists (nurse-training background) and 7 doctors.

Course Faculty (7-8 October)

Samuel Akolgo [Course Director]

Peter-Paul Der [IC]

Edward Adeb [IC]

Fransisca Akadusi Abena [IC]

Adam Matthew Ayandi [IC]

Musah Raubila [I]

Engelbert Nonterah [I]

Harum Imam Zakariah [I]

Jeremiah Tamondo [I]

Malvena Stuart Taylor [UK Faculty/mentor – Anaesthetic Consultant]

Thomas Blincoe [UK Faculty/mentor – Anaesthetic trainee]

Instructor Course (14 October)

Malvena Stuart Taylor [Course Director]

Samuel Akolgo

Harum Imam Zakariah
Fransisca Akadusi Abena
Edward Adeb
Adam Matthew Ayandi
Thomas Blincoe

Teaching sessions were allocated the evening before the next day during faculty meetings.

Results and statistics

PTC course

36 candidates successfully completed the course. 2 candidates who turned up late were invited to remain for the rest of the day but were recommended to attend a future course.

MCQ average increased from 59% to 72%

Confidence matrix increased from 71% to 87%

Instructor course

4 new instructors were trained using the new material

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