
PTC Zimbabwe

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Introduction

The August PTC course was held once again at Parirenyatwa hospital. This was the third PTC training to be held in 2015. The participants were drawn from in and around Harare, and the course was fully booked. The participants had heard about this course from friends and other colleagues who had attended previous courses and had found the teachings beneficial in their day to day practice.

The course once again followed the five day outline in the training manual; first a two day training session, a one day instructors course then followed by



another two day training course.

Pre and Post course activities

Once again PTC activities started prior to the course itself with a series of preparatory and planning meetings; Part of the pre-course activities involved once again purchasing and preparing the goat to be used for the chest drain and cricothyroidotomy stations.

The other pre-course activity was the instructors meeting prior to the training trainers met and checked all the equipment, practiced practical sessions and scenarios and also lecture delivering.

Post course activities were mainly hovering around the final aggregation of the data collected during the training. The instructors also had an opportunity to meet and debrief about the course and give constructive criticism.

PTC INSTRUCTORS

For this training session we had 5 instructors who were available. Most of our other instructors were unfortunately tied up with the annual medical congress. This team of instructors worked tirelessly to make this course a success. The instructors are pictured below. Four out of five of the instructors are based at Parirenyatwa Hospital the largest health institution in the country.



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Accident & Emergency doctor
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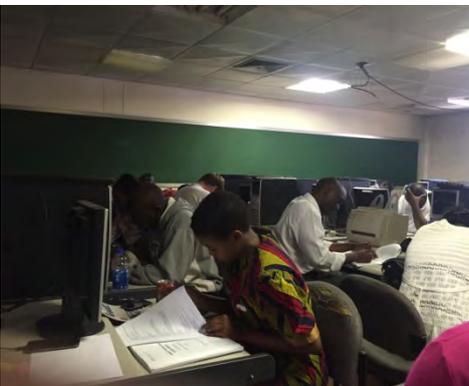


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Emergency Medical Technician(EMT)
EMRAS ambulance service



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Day 1 & 2



Day 1 started with a welcome note and introductions by Kudzai and the participants were given the pre-course test and questionnaire to fill in. As an ice breaker one of the participants had an opportunity to share they experience with a difficult trauma case they had managed.

19 participants attended the PTC Course 9 females and 10 males. Most of the participants were nurses and ambulance medics this was due to the fact that most doctors were preparing for the annual congress.

The lectures were delivered according to the timetable ABCDE of Trauma and Primary survey by Pauline, Airway and Breathing by Sanje, Circulation and Shock by Tasimba. This was followed by the skills station where the simple airway was done by Pauline, surgical airway by Sanje, the cervical spine and by Tasimba and Chest drains by Kudzai. After the lunch break The participants managed to run through the scenarios and also listened to the last lecture for the day, abdominal, pelvic and limb trauma Day 2 was kick started by Chipo with a lecture on Head and Spinal Trauma, followed by the rest of the instructors delivering the remaining lectures.

Day 2 ran smoothly ending off with the MCQ and feedback from the participants.

	Pre course MCQ	Post course MCQ
Highest	100%	100%
Lowest	50%	65%

Instructors course

The instructors' course saw the training of a total of 5 new trainers, 3 females and 2 males by the original 3 instructors. Three of these trainers were emergency medical technicians and 2 were nurses.

The group of new instructors was less than we had anticipated as others could not attend due to prior commitments. However since the group was small we managed to go through all the material fairly quickly because we never had to break up into smaller groups.

The session was highly interactive with new instructors keen to learn and develop the PTC way of training.

The instructors' course content simply followed the PTC instructors' manual with essentially no change.

The day ended with the new and old instructors planning for the next two days of training. We also had ample time at the end of the day so the new instructors got to practice their presentations for the following day.

Day 4 & 5



Pre course
MCQ

Post course
MCQ

•All five of newly trained trainers were available to conduct the training on day 4 and 5 under the supervision of the original 5 trainers.

The new trainers were Jeanette, Elisha, Pamela, Maggie and Simba. A total of 19 participants attended the training. There were 7 male and 12 female participants. Half of the participants were from the pre hospital side and half were nurses

Highest	90%	95%
Lowest	45%	65%

They were generally a more experienced group with 4 people having over 15 years experience. However their MCQ results were generally lower.

The 2 day course was run according to the PTC manual with no changes. The old instructors were on hand to assist and help with the smooth running of the course.

Feed back and conclusion

A feedback session was held in both sessions of the course; day 1 & 2 and day 4 & 5, after the post course MCQ. Generally everyone enjoyed the course and found the lectures informative. Once again the issue of time was raised and the need for more pre hospital scenarios.

The faculty of PTC aim Zimbabwe continues to grow with the addition of 5 new instructors. The faculty also gains new experiences with each new course it runs.

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