

Primary Trauma Care Course Report (16 - 17th June 2016) McGregor House, FNU Lautoka Fiji.

Primary trauma care skills are essential for any medical practitioner, particularly if one is working in an acute setting and importantly if encountering a trauma situation alone.

A group of PTC instructors from Suva (Consisting of two Anesthetists, a Surgeon and an Emergency doctor) and a visiting Anesthetist in Lautoka conducted the training for the participants.

Having completed a similar PTC Course in the beginning of the year for the first half of the final year medical students, this course was for the remainder of the trainee interns in the graduating class who were venturing out to the peripheral stations to complete the remainder of the year.

The course lectures and skills stations were divided amongst the faculty a day prior to the course starting proper.

Workshop:

A single training was conducted. The participants, all final year medical students were 32 in number.

From the start it was noticeable that the participants had had access to the course manual and they had read them. The average pretest score amongst the participants was 17, with one participant scoring the full 20. The pretest also helped reveal areas on which the faculty team had to work on over the two days.



Participants filling in the Pretest.

During the lectures.

The skill stations and the stations with scenario practice proved to be the highlight of the two day training and it was pleasing to see participants not holding back and actively participating. The scenario stations helped also to consolidate the learning that was provided during the morning lecture stations.



Scenario stations.



Skill stations.



Day two of the course was just as rewarding as the first. The participants demonstrated a good improvement during the skills stations as compared to the first day. Additionally, a great discussion was generated during the disaster module as participants were made to think of disaster responses following the Cyclone Winston.

The post test showed that learning was achieved as the average scores for the post test was 19 and several participants scores the full 20.



Disaster management discussions.



Feedback from the participants:

Very encouraging. The participants thoroughly enjoyed the two days of teaching and practicing the scenarios. Individuals stated the interactive style of teaching was beneficial as it ensured participants did not get bored.

Again the use of the skills stations and scenarios proved to be a strong point in getting the ideas across and the students stated they enjoyed the skills stations as it helped cement the lessons learnt during the lectures. Some participants also stated it would be nicer in having more skills stations and/ or another day for practicing skills stations and scenario practice.

Feedback from faculty:

Overall, the team felt that the course was very well organized. Logistic wise, the room was air conditioned and catering was to time and this helped in creating a good teaching environment.

The team worked well together and this helped facilitate the training without any interruptions. The instructors also appreciated the skills stations and the scenario practice stations and agreed that the use of them aided in the learning process.

Summary:

The PTC Course was successfully completed for the final year medical students in Lautoka. It was well received and participated in by the students.

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