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REPORT

PACIFIC PTC COURSE INSTRUCTORS MEETING MARCH 2009

Introduction

At last the Primary Trauma Care course instructors from around the Pacific had an opportunity to meet together and have a PTC Instructors refresher course and discussion. It was the first and hopefully not the last, made possible by the sponsorship from AusAid PIP funding and the WFSA PTC Foundation.

Successfully organized and coordinated by Dr. Wayne Morris (PTC regional representative) and Mr. Lito De Silva (AusAid PIP Manager) with assistance from Dr. Rob McDougal (PTC Foundation member)

Feedback from all the PTC Participants courses that have been conducted in the Pacific since 1996, showed that participants preferred spending more time on the scenarios, skill stations, and workshops than the lectures. In addition, the lecture slides were slightly difficult to understand especially the head injury lecture for the nurses and community health workers in the Pacific.

This meeting gave us the opportunity to review that and came up with the trial slides to be tested on the subsequent PTC courses in the Pacific.

The instructors also had the opportunity to share their experiences in the Pacific in regard to trauma care, and their capabilities. The Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands teams have taken the PTC course and incorporate into their hospital and country activity plans. That experience was shared with other Pacific neighbors. The Instructors refresher course was helpful to everybody, especially the young Instructors from other Pacific countries.

It was a successful one week meeting, finishing off with a 2-days PTC Participants course for doctors and nurses at Lautoka hospital.

Date & Venue

23rd - 27th March at Lautoka Waterfront Hotel, Fiji Islands.

Participants for the PTC Instructors meeting

See appendix 1 (attachments)

Meeting Program

See appendix 2

Feedback

Everybody enjoyed the meeting, especially the updates and the case presentations. The case presentation highlighted the common issues faced in the Pacific. Issues related to limited resources and geographical locations.

For example, the two presentation from the Solomon Islands team showed two extreme of scales, on one end you have a severely traumatized patient needed referral and on the other end, you have a superficial scratch to the chest, whom the nurse from the remote health centre presented a picture of severe chest injury, advised referral which cost the health ministry \$ 200,000.00 Solomon dollars (Aus \$ 33,000.00). The patient just needed dressing at the Outpatient Department and discharged. It was the pressure from the relatives that cost the ministry.

Hence, PTC course is an important and essential educational tool for the developing countries.

It has many varied related roles than just upgrading knowledge, skills, and attitude towards severely traumatized patients. Developing the same in the Instructors themselves, and making them become good teachers, administrators, planners, etc...

Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands have local instructors and coordinators who can deliver PTC courses without outside help, whereas, other Pacific countries still needed external assistance. This meeting has helped and strengthened the relationship and networking needed to assist each other.

Has shown in the 2-days PTC Participants course conducted at Lautoka Hospital from 26th -27th March.

Everybody thought it would be great if this meeting and refresher Instructors course be an annual or biannual event.

2-days PTC Participants course Lautoka Hospital

Summary

This was the first PTC Participants course for the Hospital, and was also used as a training run for the trainee instructors from the other Pacific countries, in coordinating and running the actual course.

It was conducted from Thursday 26th to Friday 27th of March 2009. This was done with assistance from all PTC course instructors from around the Pacific. The experience from Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands was well acknowledged, especially in coordinating and running of skill stations, workshops and scenarios.

As usual, the first day started off slowly, but gained momentum throughout the remaining times, and ended successfully and satisfactorily.

Dr. Mara Vukivukiseru who was tasked to coordinate the course was overwhelmed with the learning experience he gained. All other trainee instructors, Dr. Basil Leodoro from Vanuatu, Dr. Pesa Une from Samoa, Dr. Koloni Vaea from Tonga, and Dr. Laudeen Lam from Samoa have all gained valuable experience from the course. They really appreciated the assistance offered by the senior instructors from Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Australia, and New Zealand.

They also thanked the organization and the planning of this course by Dr. Wayne Morris, Dr. Rob McDougal and Mr. Lito De Silva from AusAid.

Participants of the 2-day PTC Participants course.

See appendix 3

Program

PTC 2-Day Course, 26-27 March 2009 Lautoka Hospital

DAY 1

0830-0930	Introduction Regional Trauma Perspective MCQs	Mara Mara / Bernard / Yongoe
0930-1000	ABCDE, Primary Survey	Dyxon
1000-1030	<i>Morning tea</i>	
1030-1100 1100-1130	Airway and Breathing Circulation	Deacon Bauro / Willie
1130-1230	Skill Stations Airway 1 Airway 2 Cervical Spine Chest drain	Basil / Suzi Bernard / Samof Loudeen / Sam Koloni / Bryce
1230-1330	<i>LUNCH</i>	
1330-1400	Demonstration Scenarios	PNG team
1400-1515	Scenarios (four)	All
1515-1530	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>	
1530-1600 1600-1630 1630-1645	Secondary survey Chest Trauma Day 1 Summary	Kenton Koloni Mara

DAY 2

0830-0900 0900-0930 0930-1000	Abdominal and Pelvic Injuries Head and Spinal Injuries Paediatric and Obstetric Trauma	Yongoe Loudeen Pesa
1000-1030	<i>Morning Tea</i>	
1030-1100	Burns	Basil
1100-1215	Workshops Analgesia Transportation Paediatrics Neuro assessment	Pesa / Samof Loudeen Mara / Bryce Koloni / Sam
1215-1315	<i>LUNCH</i>	
1315-1415	Disaster Management	Sam
1415-1530	Scenarios	All
1530-1545	<i>Afternoon tea</i>	
1545-1630	MCQs and discussion	All
1630-1645	Feedback, close	Mara

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My family in Port Moresby for accommodating me overnights.

Thank you,

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Lucas Samof

