

PTC REPORT - 21 - 22ND NOVEMBER,

2019

The two-day Primary trauma care (PTC) course was held between 21st and 22nd November 2019 at the Resource Centre, Cecilia Makiwane Hospital, Mdantsane, a predominant black South African township located 23km outside of East London in the Eastern Cape Province. Funding were accessed through the Health Professionals Training and Development (HPTD) Grant of the Eastern Cape Department of Health towards the implementation of the second PTC course for 2019.

The PTC course manuals were printed and distributed to all the participants on the first day of the workshop. Participants (all of whom were medical officers) were selected from all over the province through the HPTD office in East London. Eight PTC trainers, based at the East London Hospital Complex participated in the facilitation of the course. All but one of the trainers have gained sufficient experience in facilitating PTC course over a two year period; 2018 and 2019. In total, 25 medical officers were trained over the two days. Each participant completed the course registration form online, which were collated prior to the commencement of the course.

The course started with a welcome address delivered by the Senior Manager; Medical Services of Cecilia Makiwane Hospital – Dr Bongzi Yose-Xasa. In her welcoming speech, she acknowledged the challenges of dealing with the burden of trauma in the various district hospitals, which are often poorly resourced in terms of personnel and equipment. She further highlighted the importance of periodic capacity building of doctors in the front line of interventions for trauma patients. She concluded by informing the participants that she had undertaken the course herself and found it enjoyable, practical and relevant to the needs of district health doctors in the province.

The course started with the pre-course test, which were immediately graded and feedbacks were provided to the trainers in order to emphasize the areas of knowledge gaps of the participants during the course. Lunch and tea breaks were provided to the participants. The course ran for two full days (8am - 16 hours). A post-course test was also conducted, which showed improvement in the performance of the participants.

The two-day course was concluded with the instructors' meeting. The key recommendations for 2022 include; plans to introduce PTC to the nursing curriculum of the University of Fort Hare, East London. It was mandated that the course co-ordinator and the overall PTC co-ordinator should introduce the course to the Dean of Health Sciences of the University of Fort Hare. Also, a minimum of three courses was proposed for 2020. There was consideration on how to adapt the PTC course for nurses working at the district hospital level.

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DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SURGERY

PRIMARY TRAUMA TRAINING COURSE

21 & 22 November 2019

1. Ah Yui Laurryn	27	F	MBCHB
2. Nokwe Yanga	28	M	MBCHB 2016
3. Bhattarai P. R.	46	M	MBCHB 1999
4. Nair Vimal	37	M	MBCHB 2004
5. Botha G. S.	27	M	MBCHB 2016
6. Holose A. J.	33	M	MBCHB 2012
7. Bokoda Zintle		F	MBCHB 2007
8. Mabuni	43	M	MBCHB 2007
9. Mohlomi	47	M	MBCHB 2005
10. Mdingi Simphiwe	39	M	MBCHB 2007
11. Ntsokotha Gcinmumzi	34	M	MBCHB 2012
12. Pradhan S	62	M	MBCHB 2000
13. Jikwana Akhona	33	F	MBCHB 2009
14. Tshekela Chuma	27	M	MBCHB 2016
15. Ntlantsana Yonela	30	F	MBCHB 2015
16. Desemele F. S.	50	M	MBCHB 2000
17. Gubuza B.	38	M	MBCHB 2009
18. Lamani Thembeka	38	F	MBCHB 2008
19. Gaire Krishna Prasad	52	M	MBCHB 1998
20. Shoyinka O. A.	39	F	MBCHB 2008
21. Godongwana	40	M	MBCHB 2007
22. Peni N.H	38	F	MBCHB 2009
23. Bhengu. B	41	F	MBCHB 2005
24. Twalo. S	30	M	MBCHB 2015

