

Programa de Capacitación Integral en VIH/SIDA.

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This proposal is inserted in the commitment of the Mexican government and non-governmental civic organizations to achieve universal access for prevention, treatment and care of people living with HIV/AIDS. During the last years a substantial nation-wide scale-up of free-access to combination ART has occurred and now this moves from an emergency action to a long-term planning for sustainability and a significant impact in public health. One of the main concerns is the delivery of health services critically limited by the shortage of well-trained health care workers and our largest challenge is to actually achieve the benefits of ART in reducing morbidity and lengthening survival as well as to minimize the emergence and spread of resistant viruses. The main goal of this project is to assess, through problem-solving interactive workshops, the knowledge and the reasoning in the clinical decision process of physicians lacking a formal clinical training in Infectious Diseases and or in HIV/AIDS who provide medical care to people living with HIV/AIDS in Mexico's Ministry of Health (MoH) clinics. This formal experience will be the basis for the future development of effective continuous training and advisory programs aimed at improving the quality of health care and the optimal prescription of ARV in our country. A group of 60 physicians from most of the states of the country and having a permanent assignment to treat HIV/AIDS patients will be asked to participate in the workshop. A 3-day workshop will be carried-out in five cities from different regions: northeast, northwest, central-east, central-west and southeast, by a group of 6 trained clinical experts from academic institutions. The basic dynamic of the workshop will be the presentation and the expert-coordinated discussion (by the participants) of structured clinical scenarios and the analysis of the scientific, clinical and epidemiological evidence sustaining the most appropriate clinical decision, according to the universally-accepted guidelines. Our main outcome measure will be the assessment, along the workshop, of the accuracy of the basic concepts and the clinical decisions taken by the physicians facing daily-life clinical challenges. Also, a structured pre and post workshop questionnaire will be applied in order to assess their knowledge on the medical topics of the content of the workshop as well as the level of satisfaction and willingness to continue participating in this sort of academic activities.