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International Course

Course for health care guidelines developers on treatments of rare diseases February 10-12, 2016

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First day - 10 February

- 11:00 - Registration
- 11:30 - RARE-Bestpractices overview (Taruscio)
- 11:55 - Introduction to guidelines with focus on rare diseases (Schunemann)
- 12:25 - Challenges for guidelines in rare diseases (Meerpohl)
- 12:40 - Criteria and methods for panelists choice (Meerpohl)
- 13:00 - *Lunch*
- 14:00 - Methods for patient involvement (Senecat)
- 14:30 - Definition of clinical question (D'Amico)
- 14:50 - Exercise I (facilitators: all teachers)
- 15:30 - Search methods for identification of studies (Pistotti)
- 16:00 - Exercise II (facilitators: all teachers)
- 16:40 - *Coffee break*
- 16:50 - Introduction to SoF and GRADE (Schunemann)
- 17:15 - Plenary session chaired by Schunemann
- 17:30 - End of the day

Second day - 11 February

- 09:00 - Interpretation of results of systematic reviews (Del Giovane)
- 09:30 - Assessing the quality/strength of evidence with SoF and GRADE : components and examples (Minozzi, Filippini)
- 10:30 - *Coffee break*
- 10:45 - Exercise III (facilitators: all teachers)
- 13:00 - *Lunch*
- 14:00 - Introduction to the evidence to decision framework (Santesso)
- 14:45 - Exercise IV (facilitators: all teachers)
- 16:00 - *Coffee break*

16:15 - Equity consideration in guideline development for rare diseases (Akl)

16:45 - Plenary session chaired by Akl

17:30 - End of the day

Third day - 12 February

- 09:00 - How to reach consensus among panelists (Meerpohl)
- 09:40 - Making recommendations in the face of very low certainty of evidence (Schunemann)
- 10:40 - *Coffee break*
- 11:00 - Implementation and dissemination of clinical practice guidelines (Santesso)
- 11:30 - Discussion and conclusion (all teachers)
- 12:30 - Certificate delivery
- 13:00 - End of the course

Course description

The present course is part of the capacity building activities of the project RARE-Bestpractices. These activities intend to promote guideline quality standards for rare diseases across European Member States and to support the upcoming European Reference Networks and Centres of Expertise in the development of their capacity to produce and use health care guidelines on rare diseases.

The course will provide participants with the opportunity to acquire skills necessary to produce health care guidelines on treatments of rare diseases.

The course will focus on an overview on general guideline production and specific to rare diseases. The following topics will be addressed: scope, panel choice, developing clinical questions, planning the evidence review, literature searching, quality of evidence, developing and wording recommendations, implementation and dissemination.

The course format consists of: lectures and small groups work/exercises.

To whom?

Potential participants to the European Reference Networks and Centres of Expertise .

Members of the EUROPLAN National Conferences.

Participants who are involved or are about to be involved in guideline development programmes for rare-diseases.

Patients representatives identified by EURORDIS.

How to apply

The application form can be downloaded from:

<http://www.newaurameeting.it/it/event/97>

It should be duly filled, signed and sent together with a current CV by email to: f.rossoni@newaurameeting.it

Applications not accompanied by a CV or not duly filled or readily comprehensible will be excluded. All applicants should return the application form together with a current CV no later than **10 January, 2016**.

Please note that places on the course are limited. A maximum number of **40 participants** will be admitted. A confirmation of admittance will be sent by email only to the accepted applicants on **15 January, 2016**.

How much will it cost?

The course is available free of charge. The organizers will provide refreshments and lunch but will not pay for travel and accommodation expenses of attendees.

Methods of Assessment

There will be no formal examination but a Certificate of Attendance will be awarded only to those completing the full course.