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International Course

**Course for health care
guidelines developers on
diagnosis of rare diseases**
June 6-7, 2016

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First day - 6 June

- 11:00 - Registration
- 11:15 - RARE-Bestpractices overview (Taruscio)
- 11:30 - Introduction and challenges to guidelines with focus on diagnosis of rare diseases (pathway). (Schunemann)
- 12:30 - Components of DTA review questions and meta-analysis (Scholten)
- 13:15 - Questions
- 13:30 - *Lunch*
- 14:15 - Risk of bias of diagnostic test accuracy studies – QUADAS 2 (Scholten)
- 14:45 - Exercise I (facilitators: all teachers)
- 16:45 - *Coffee break*
- 17:00 - GRADE for diagnostic studies: Question formulation and assessing the evidence. (Schunemann)
- 17:45 - Questions (chaired by Schunemann and Scholten)
- 18:15 - End of the day

Second day - 7 June

- 09:00 - Assessing the quality/strength of evidence with evidence profile (Schunemann)
- 10:00 - Questions
- 10:15 - *Coffee break*
- 10:30 - Exercise II (facilitators: all teachers)
- 12:15 - Introduction to the evidence to decision framework (Schunemann)
- 13:00 - Questions
- 13:15 - *Lunch*

- 14:00 - Exercise III (facilitators: all teachers)
- 15:45 - *Coffee break*
- 16:00 - Making recommendations in the face of very low certainty of evidence (Schunemann)
- 16:40 - Plenary session chaired by the Faculty
- 17:00 - Certificate delivery
- 17:30 - 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 diagnosis 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, 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://newaurameeting.it/it/event/113>

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 **19 May, 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 **23 May, 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.