

Travelling Conferences: Overcoming practical challenges in day-to-day clinical tuberculosis care

Yerevan, Armenia

28-30 June 2019

Agenda

28 June 2019

Day 1: Introducing tuberculosis diagnosis, care and programmes in Armenia (open to travelling partners)

Morning Chair: Prof. Lusine Kocharyan

10:00-10:15 Greetings (Prof. Kocharyan)

10:15-10:00 Introduction round (Dr. Lange & Prof. Davidyants)

11:00-12:15 Overview of the national TB programme in Armenia (Prof. Kocharyan)

11:30-12 Overview of the national TB programme in Armenia and Kyrgyzstan (Prof. Kadyrov)

12:00-12:30 Overview of TB epidemiology, major challenges and successes during the last few years in Armenia (Prof. Davidyants)

12:30-13:00 Discussion

13:00-14:00 Lunch

Afternoon Chair: Prof. Mher Davidyants

14:00-18:00 Visiting: TB ward & Laboratory

19:00 Dinner

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Day 2: Organisational and clinical challenges during the implementation of new diagnostics of tuberculosis and comorbidities/differentials in Armenia (open to faculty)

Morning Chair: Prof. Kadyrov Abdullaat

09:00-09:45 Introduction/Greetings (Prof. Kocharyan, Prof. Wagner + Prof. Kadyrov)

09:45-10:30 Experience in Armenia with the integration of new diagnostics in national TB control (Prof. Kocharyan)

10:30-11:15 Be aware: Acid fast bacteria that are not MTB! (Prof. Wagner)

11:10-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-12:15 Clinical challenges in differential diagnosis of tuberculosis (Dr. Gulnura)

12:15-13:00 External perspective: Novel diagnostics and their role in diagnostic programmes (Dr. Kalmambetova)

13:00-14:00 Lunch

Afternoon Chair: Prof. Dirk Wagner

14:00-14:45 Impact of new diagnostic test implementation on treatment quality in high burden MDR TB settings (Dr. Lorenzo Guglielmetti, MSF)

14:45-15:30 Connecting patients, clinicians and researchers during the implementation of new diagnostics and its evaluation (Dr. Olena Rzhepishevskaya, TBNNet)

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-16:45 Implementation and financing of new diagnostics in TB programs (Dr. Eduard Kabasakalyan)

16:45-17:30 Discussion

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Day 3: Working on a common research proposal (open to travelling partners)

Team 1: Clinical / epidemiological / programmatic
Team 2: Laboratory capacity

9:00-9:30 Potential funding possibilities (Dr. Lange)

9:30-10:00 Setting aims for the day (moderated by Prof. Davidyants)

10:00-12:00 Brainstorming potential study areas and aims in Team 1 and Team 2 (Prof. Davidyants, Dr. Lange, Annabelle Bockey)

12:00-13:00 Reporting back to everyone and discussion

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-16:00 Refining study areas, drafting short concept papers for one or two of the ideas in Teams

16:00-17:00 Reporting back to everyone and discussion

Participants

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External Participants

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Dr. Lorenzo Guglielmetti, MSF

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