



Workshop Announcement

EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE AND CRITICAL APPRAISAL WORKSHOP



Date: 3-5 November 2014

Venue: Information, Training and Outreach Center for Africa (ITOCA), Centurion, South Africa

Organized by: Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) and Information, Training and Outreach Center for Africa (ITOCA)

COURSE OVERVIEW

The recent developments of internet technology have improved access to medical information and evidence that is necessary for improving patient care services in developing countries. The internet is popularized with current and comprehensive medical information and research, however one needs to be competent on how to find, share and critically appraise this knowledge. The present workshop focuses on building the capacity of faculty, clinicians, librarians, ICT experts, and health care professionals to acquire skills in evidence based medicine, information search, retrieval, and sharing in electronic formats in Tanzania

THE WORKSHOP

This three-day workshop will introduce you to evidence based practice and critical appraisal techniques and equip you with skills in using web 2.0 tools to enhance and improve evidence based health care, collaborative work and knowledge sharing within your organization and with stakeholders, and increase the level of innovation within your organisation.

WORKSHOP VENUE

The venue of the workshop is Information, Training and Outreach Center for Africa (ITOCA), Centurion, South Africa

COURSE CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The workshop will be conducted over three days (3-5 November 2014). The workshop will comprise lectures delivered in a classroom setting, hands-on exercises, group work and individual practical work on the following:

- Introduction: what is evidence-based healthcare, and why is it important?
- ASK: the importance of research questions in evidence-based healthcare
- Behind the numbers: understanding healthcare statistics; science, speed and the search for best evidence
- Making sense of results
- ACQUIRE: searching for healthcare information
- Turning evidence into practice
- Introduction to Information Self Service and selected Web 2.0 tools

PARTICIPATION

The course is open to researchers, lecturers, library and information professionals, health care professionals, and graduate students from institutions involved in medical and health sciences. Specifically, participants are expected to come from relevant government ministries, Non-Governmental Organizations, universities and faculties of medical and health sciences. The language of instruction is English. No basic computer and internet modules will be covered during the workshop.

WORKSHOP FEES

The workshop fee will be 680 USD to cover the cost of registration, light refreshments and lunches for each participant.

Only twenty (20) participants will be invited to attend the Workshop. Therefore we would appreciate if you respond quickly as the available slots will be filled on first-come-first-served basis. An Application Form is included in this Announcement. Completed application forms with signed authorization should reach the Workshop Coordinator by 24th **October, 2014**.

ORGANIZERS

The workshop is organized by ITOCA and MUHAS.

The Workshop Coordinator will be happy to answer any questions about the workshop or participant attendance.

Contact Details for registration:

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Workshop Application Form

Participant's Personal Particulars

Family name: _____

First name _____ Gender: (Male or Female) _____

Title: (Prof/Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss): _____

Job Title: _____

Institution/Organization: _____

Postal address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Information literacy skills

On a scale of 1-10 (1 is low and 10 is high), how would you rate your skills and confidence in the following?

	Skills	Confidence
Basic Computer Operation		
Using Internet search engines to look for information (eg Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox)		
Writing Boolean search phrases		

Narrowing/filtering search results		
Using electronic library resources to find information		
Explain to someone else copyright and licensing laws of online journals		
Promoting use of e-resource in my institution		
Lecturing		
Facilitating		

What would you like to achieve during the workshop?

Signature-----Date:-----

PARTICIPATING INSTITUTION AUTHORIZATION

(Must be attached to the Application Form)

Please sign below to confirm that your organization authorizes the named applicant to attend the Evidence based Practice Workshop (3-5 November 2014)

Name of Institution: _____

Name of Authorizing Officer _____

Signature of Authorizing Officer _____

Designation of Authorizing Officer _____

Institution Stamp: _____

Date: _____

Please return the application to the email address below by 24th **October, 2014**

WORKSHOP COORDINATORS

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