

Designing Effective Center for Continuing Medical Education at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

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The Center for Continuing Medical Education (CME) is funded by the Faculty of Medicine, University of Sarajevo (MF UNSA) to assist health professionals to achieve academic and professional excellence. The Center is designed to move health issues to the forefront of discussions concerning educational research, policy, and practice in medicine. Central to its mission, CME Center's development focus on critical issues in the education of health professionals and students isolated from evidence based global health learning by socioeconomical factors and geographic location.

THE MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the MF UNSA Center for Continuing Medical Education is to support the continuing professional development of healthcare professionals of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina and South East European region. Modern methods of teaching and evaluation provide a safe and efficient transition of the latest scientific information and achievements in the daily practice of physicians and other medical professionals. The vision of CME Center is to promote a culture of lifelong learning, evaluation and commitment to excellence. The goal of the MF UNSA Center for Continuing Medical Education is to improve the competence and performance of healthcare providers and, when possible, to improve patient outcomes. MF UNSA Center for CME is committed to assessing the impact of its programs through qualitative and quantitative methods.

CME ACTIVITIES

The MF UNSA Center for Continuing Medical Education sponsors a variety of activities including regularly scheduled live education and enduring materials. The methods of teaching are varied to offer different

types of learning experiences to appeal to diverse and individual learning styles and practice setting requirements. They include interactive learning methods, live conferences; interactive video, audio and electronic programs, web-based self-study materials, and simulations.

The MF UNSA Center for CME operates through staff members: the head of the Center, ass. professor Zaim Jatić and senior scientific associate Fadila Serdarević. The CME Program Committee is consisted of the following members: the dean, professor Almira Hadžović-Džuvo, academician Senka Mesihović-Dinarević, professor Halima Resić, professor Enra Suljić, professor Mehmed Kulić, professor Benjamin Kulovac, ass. professor Lejla Burnazović-Ristić, professor Belma Aščić-Buturović and professor Svjetlana Radović.

CME PROGRAMMES

All eligible candidates can apply on individual or group basis with potential continuing medical education programmes for approval. Upon approval by CME Program Committee, MF Academic Council and the University Senate, all accepted programs can be put into practice.

The first Dean's call to design and submit Continuing Medical Education/Continuing Professional Development (CME/CPD) programs was announced to all MF Departments on March 25th 2015. All submitted CME/CPD programs were peer reviewed and approved by the CME program committee, following approval by MF Academic Council and after that by the University Senate. In total 37 programmes have been approved by now (Table 1).

CME ACCREDITATION

Our Center for Continuing Medical Education at-

tempts to complete a rigorous application process and successfully demonstrate adherence to the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME), in order to become EACCME Accredited Provider. MF UNSA Center for Continuing Medical Education will pledge its continued compliance with EACCME standard addressing the design, development, administration, and evaluation of its

programs, in order to be authorized to offer European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) credits and to use the EACCME name and logo on promotional course material. In addition, MF UNSA Center for Continuing Medical Education is planning to be linked to the EACCME web site and to be recognized as offering the highest quality continuing education and training programs in the region.

Table 1. The list of approved CME/CPD programs in academic 2015/2016 year at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Sarajevo

Authors	The title of the course
Suada Heljić, Senka Mesihović-Dinarević	Neonatal resuscitation
Emina Alimanović-Halilović	Diabetic retinopathy, contemporary approach
Damir Rebić	Nutrition in patients with chronic kidney disease
Semir Bešlija, Semir Vranić, Vanesa Bešliagić	Breast cancer: diagnosis and treatment
Sebija Izetbegović	Cardiopulmonary reanimation in adults
Sebija Izetbegović	Obstetric emergency
Narcisa Vavra-Hadžiahmetović	Lifestyle in the prevention and treatment of musculoskeletal and neurological diseases
Nermina Obralić, Zaim Jatić	Palliative care in primary health care
Belma Aščić-Buturović, Zaim Jatić, Amela Kečo	The school of diabetes mellitus for primary health care physicians
Benjamin Kulovac	Urinary incontinence
Francesco Galli, Halima Resić	Omics Applied Nephrology
Lejla Burnazović-Ristić	Good Clinical Practice
Maida Todić-Rakanović	Biotechnological Academy
Maida Todić-Rakanović	Basics of pharmacovigilance
Šukrija Zvizdić	Virus isolation - cell cultures
Sadeta Hamzić	Serological diagnosis of Q fever and brucellosis
Sadeta Hamzić	Laboratory diagnosis of hemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome
Sabina Mahmutović-Vranić, Mufida Aljičević, Velma Rebić	TORCH and other infections in pregnant women and newborns
Nermina Babić	Bioelectric heart activity and electrocardiogram
Zakira Mornjaković	Histotechnological procedures for the photomicroscopy
Ago Omerbašić	Ionizing and non-ionizing radiation in medicine
Eldan Kapur	The morphological, functional and technical aspects of peripheral nerve blockade
Emina Kiseljaković	Basic molecular methods in laboratory diagnostics
Zaim Jatić	Teaching skills in family medicine
Fadila Serdarević, Zoran Riđanović, Ahmed Novo	How to adapt EBM guidelines
Semra Čavaljuga	How to interpret and apply the results of epidemiological studies today
Amra Čatović	How to inform the public on health risks associated with environmental factors
Fadila Serdarević, Emin Tahirović	Basic Biostatistical Methods
Fadila Serdarević, Emin Tahirović	Advanced Biostatistical Methods
Hening Tiemeier, Fadila Serdarević	Study Design I
Hening Tiemeier	Basics of Psychiatric Research

Halima Resić, Petar Kes	Onconeurology
Costanza Pizzi, Daniela Zugna, Fadila Serdarević	Causal inference methods in epidemiology
Almira Hadžović-Džuvo	The basics of writing a scientific article
Aida Kulo Česić	Writing and publishing a scientific article, advanced course
Amina Valjevac, Fadila Serdarević, Aida Kulo Česić	Introduction to Applied Biostatistics
Aida Kulo Česić	Effective oral and poster scientific presentations



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