

REGISTRATION FEE

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Deadline for Abstracts submission: 30th November 2012

GUIDELINES

The conference proceedings will be published according to the guidelines of the West Indian Medical Journal (WIMJ). For Abstract and other submission criteria, please refer to the WIMJ website:

<http://www.mona.uwi.edu/fms/wimj/instructions/index.htm>

ACCOMMODATION

- Hyatt Regency • Hilton Trinidad • Kapok Hotel
- Carlton Savannah • Marriott Courtyard

ABOUT THE FMS

The Faculty of Medical Sciences, St. Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago is situated at the Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex (EWMSC) and comprises the schools of medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, pharmacy and advanced nursing education; and optometry programme.

Ours is the only Caribbean, medical school that offers the problem-based learning (PBL) system. This modality of learning requires student interaction in small groups, supplemented by didactic lectures.

For graduates wishing to pursue research work, the presence of the five Schools provides excellent opportunities for cross-disciplinary research work that we encourage you to take advantage of. The Departments of Preclinical, Paraclinical Sciences and the School of Veterinary Medicine offer a range of MPhil and PhD programmes including Anatomy, Biochemistry, Physiology, Human Nutrition, Molecular genetics, Neuroscience, Pharmacology, Community Health, Pathology (with sub-disciplines of Chemical Pathology, Haematology, Anatomical Pathology and Immunology), Medical Microbiology, Veterinary Clinical Medicine, Veterinary Anatomy and Veterinary Public Health to name a few. We also offer the MD by thesis in clinical disciplines as well as professional training in Anaesthetics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, General Surgery, Surgery (Urology), Ophthalmology, Surgery (Orthopaedics), Radiology, Emergency Medicine, Psychiatry, Family Medicine, Paediatrics and General Internal Medicine.

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Improvement in Health Care Quality and Delivery: Making a Difference

17th, 18th and 19th January 2013

Hyatt Regency Hotel

Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago, W.I.

RATIONALE FOR THE CONFERENCE

The Faculty of Medical Sciences (FMS) at The University of the West Indies (UWI), St. Augustine recognizes, as one of its major responsibilities, the creation of a committed workforce for the health sector in the Caribbean. This is in direct response to the challenges that the region has faced recently with regard to the delivery of quality health care. The FMS at UWI ultimately sees its role in bringing about needed change in improving healthcare in the region as one of its most immediate goals in keeping with its Mission Statement: "To train health professionals to meet the needs and improve the care of those whom they serve. To strive for professional excellence while contributing to the social, economic, and cultural development of the Caribbean and to inculcate an attitude of lifelong learning, ethical conduct, and excellence in service and research in its graduates."

As a vehicle for achieving this, the FMS will be hosting a conference entitled "Improvement in Health Care Quality and Delivery: Making a Difference" scheduled for 17th, 18th & 19th January 2013 at Hyatt Regency Hotel, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

THEME

“Improvement in Health Care Quality and Delivery: Making a Difference”

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- 1) To bring together various stakeholders (both private and public sectors) in one forum
- 2) To assess the current state of health care quality and its delivery in the region
- 3) To share ideas in an effort to improve health care quality and delivery in the region
- 4) To appreciate the role of information technology in bringing added value to health care delivery
- 5) To appreciate the value of improvement of healthcare conditions and its impact on national and regional development
- 6) To understand improvement in healthcare through independent assessment/audit of institutions
- 7) To appraise the value of risk management in driving quality; patient’s charter and human resources on improvements in health care
- 8) To establish the role of the University/Tertiary level institutions in health care improvement
- 9) To guide policy planning for the health care in the region

SUB-THEMES

- Models of health care quality and delivery (Local, Regional and International)
- Health care access and quality
- Health insurance
- Needs assessment of health care institutions
- Risk management
- Quality care and health tourism
- Information technology and health care quality
- Quality care and critical medicine (ICU and emergency settings)
- Sustainable quality care
- Quality care and professional development
- Quality care and communication
- Quality care and medical education (universities/ tertiary learning institutes)

TARGET AUDIENCE

- 1) Health administrators
- 2) Health educators
- 3) Policy planners in health
- 4) Governments ministries and agencies
- 5) Private hospitals
- 6) Mental rehabilitation centres
- 7) Physicians and Nurses
- 8) Allied health professionals (Pharmacists; Dentists and others)
- 9) Healthcare Leaders
- 10) Insurance companies
- 11) Accreditation Councils
- 12) Health Professions Councils and Boards
- 13) NGOs

ABOUT TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago is twin island state in the southern Caribbean, lying northeast off the coast of Venezuela and south of Grenada.

The country covers an area 5,128 square kilometres. Trinidad is the larger and more populous of the main islands, comprising about 94% of the total area and 96% of the total population of the country.

Trinidad and Tobago obtained independence in 1962, becoming a republic in 1976. Unlike most of the English-speaking Caribbean, Trinidad and Tobago’s economy is primarily industrial, with an emphasis on petroleum and petrochemicals.

The country is known for its Carnival and is the birthplace of steelpan, calypso, soca, chutney and limbo.

