**08. Integrating palliative care into the continuum of MDR-TB care**

**Thursday, 03 December 2015, 09:00 - 12:00**

**Room MR 1.42**

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**Description**

Tuberculosis and multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (TB/MDR-TB) remain a leading cause of morbidity, and ongoing challenges in timely access to appropriate treatment result in a significant need for patient-centered services. These services improve the quality of life for all patients, especially for the estimated 10% of MDR-TB patients who fail to convert or get cured. For these patients, there is a crucial need to develop a public health model integrating palliative care into TB programmes as part of the post-2015 TB agenda. Through presentations and discussion, this course will provide participants with an overview of key approaches to integrating palliative care into the TB/MDR-TB continuum of care.

**Target audience**

1. TB/MDR-TB programme managers
2. MDR-TB clinicians and nurses
3. Community-based organisations

**Objectives**

1. To outline the need for stronger palliative care for TB patients in the post-2015 environment
2. To describe how domains of palliative care can complement MDR-TB care
3. To identify strategies for introducing high-quality palliative care for TB patients in a continuum of care
4. To build knowledge of key approaches to integrate palliative care into existing health services

**Keywords**

MDR TB; palliative care; patient-centered care

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**Presentations**

1. Palliative care and the WHO End TB strategy
   Ernesto Jaramillo (Switzerland)

2. WHA/WHO Resolution on Palliative Care: implications for integration into national TB programmes
   Stephen Connor (USA)

3. Framework for integrating palliative care into MDR-TB continuum of care
   Hala Rahman-Jassim-Al-Mossawi (USA)

4. Palliative care programmes for children
   Busi Nkosi (South Africa)

5. Developing palliative care guidelines in South Africa
   Siphiwe Mndaweni (South Africa)

6. The importance of mental health in the recovery of MDR- and XDR-TB patients
   Dalia Marlene Guerra Echevarria (Peru)