

8.0 Meetings / Workshops Organized



1. “Principles of Antiretroviral Therapy for HIV-infected Patients” Telemedicine Training Program, 19 November 2004 - 7 January 2005

The Telemedicine Training Program entitled “Principles of Antiretroviral Therapy for HIV-infected Patients” was conducted under the aegis of the “Center For Clinical Global Health Education” (CCGHE) for NARI physicians. In all, 17 doctors from NARI completed the course and received certificates.

The course was designed to provide practicing physicians with the latest information on the effective and safe use of ART. The program paid special attention to the use of these drugs in resource-limited settings, where therapeutic options, as well as viral load, resistance genotyping and CD4 testing are limited. The program utilized clinical case-based lectures and interactive discussions conducted live between NARI- Pune and Johns Hopkins University Baltimore USA. The program included four two-hour sessions. The program was designed to be interactive. Six John Hopkins faculty members from the divisions of Infectious Diseases, General Medicine, Clinical Pharmacology and the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology delivered the lectures.

2. Meeting to develop WHO Laboratory guidelines for diagnosis of HIV diagnosis and monitoring of antiretroviral treatment for countries of South East region. 1st and 2nd May 2004.
3. Conducted field-testing workshop sponsored by FHI, USA, for Curriculum developed by FHI, entitled Research Ethics Training curriculum for Community Representatives.

This workshop was conducted on 1 2 June 2004 with CAB members, Ethics Committee Members, Community Opinion Leaders, health care providers and NGO representatives. The field test report was extensive and sent to Family Health International USA on 17th June 2004.