

APPNA MERIT HIV Awareness, Prevention, and Education Project in Pakistan



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HIV Webinar Series: Webinar #8

Improving Quality of Care and HIV Education in Pakistan - A Brain Storming Session



Date & time:

Sunday August 29th, 2021 at 8 PM Pakistan time (11:00 AM US Eastern Time)

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Talk theme "Societal Norms & Barriers to Health Care: The Case of HIV in Pakistan".

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Webinar 8 – Improving Quality of Care and HIV Education in Pakistan

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Summary:

Improving Care Quality and HIV Education in Pakistan

- Pakistan is estimated to have 200,000 HIV infections as of Aug 2021
- Social stigma associated with HIV disease in biggest challenge in trying to treat patients
- Two Questions to Ask
 - 1) What have the last 6 webinars taught
 - 2) How to improve HIV education and care in Pakistan
- Evaluation of HIV webinars
 - 6 Webinars: 135 people completed an evaluation, 70% of which had attended all 6 webinars (most had not treated HIV)
 - Successful in increasing HIV awareness, reducing stigma and creating partnerships
 - Most respondents agreed with an increase of routine testing, making HIV courses mandatory in medical schools, and increasing awareness in general

Societal Norms & Barriers to Health Care: The Case of HIV in Pakistan

- Disease culture
 - The culture of disease (norms, values and beliefs) affects the conception, prevention and cure methodology regarding disease
- Interdisciplinary approach to Health Care
 - Sociology of Health Care
 - Health is more than Physician-Patient relations
 - Hospital is a Social Organization where Class, Race, Gender, Politics, economy, religion all play an influence
 - Medical Sociology
 - Physician-Nurse Power structure-hierarchy
 - Diseases & treatment are affected by Science & Technology
- HIV health context in Pakistan
 - Knowledge, Attitude, Practice (KAP) gap between patients and providers
 - Needs to be improved