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**CONTINUOUS MEDICAL EDUCATION(CME) -PERINATAL TRAINING PROGRAMME
FOR PEDIATRICIANS IN SKOPJE, MACEDONIA**

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Background:

Perinatal Training of 25 trainees (pediatricians & nurses) was realized in RPAH/KGV in Sydney for clinicians from Macedonia during 2000/2001.

Seven doctors and three nurses were recommended as local educators.

Objectives:

Establishing CME Perinatal Center in Skopje happened in June 2000, equipped with PCs', specific medical equipment and mannequins, in suitable environment for teaching and learning. Internet access was provided at 12 PC's for EBM learning resources (PubMed, Cochran Library, Med.Line etc.) and relevant Perinatal/Neonatal protocols.

Methods:

Methods of teaching and learning: SCORPIO, PBL, SDL, small group work, individual presentations. Methods of assessment of achieved knowledge and skills: MCQ, SAQ and OSCE.

Results:

Three cohorts of 4 Modules (two week each) were finished till January 2002. Attendance was 34 in the first, 29 in the second and 30 participants

in the third cohort of this perinatal training. Participants were working as a teams (doctor and nurse/s) from each Neonatal Department at bigger Maternity's in Macedonia (covering 95% of newborns in the country).

Conclusions:

This Perinatal Training Programme was important contribution to Neonatal strategy for Reducing the Perinatal Mortality in Macedonia (one of the highest in Europe). The final evaluation of this project is planed for next year.

Abbreviations:

*RPAH/KGV=Royal Prince Alfred Hospital/King George V

*SCORPIO=Structured Clinical Objective Referenced Problem orientated Integrated Organised

*PBL=Problem Based Learning

*SDL=Self Directed Learning

*MCQ=Multiple Choice Question

*SAQ=Short Answer Question

*OSCE=Objective Structured Clinical Examination

