IPCRG President’s Report 2020

Breathing and feeling well through universal access to right care
2019 Highlights
Educational Impact Challenge

The goal of this activity is to increase knowledge on the assessment of patients with uncontrolled asthma in order to improve competence in early identification and referral of severe asthma patients.

Before you begin this activity, please assess your clinical knowledge by completing this brief survey. Answering these questions again after the activity will allow you to see what you learned and to compare your answers with those of your peers.

Question 1 of 4

The 'SIMPLES' review process is a structured primary care management approach in adults with uncontrolled and difficult to manage asthma. Which of the following criteria is evaluated in this structured review process?
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What we have learnt from FRESHAIR

- Chronic lung diseases have an under-researched socio-economic impact — people may not take time off work but they are less productive.
- Communities want to improve the quality of the air they breathe.
- Where infectious disease is prevalent, asthma diagnosis is missed.
- Evidence-based education and training interventions can be used to build implementation capacity e.g. teach the teacher models.
- Implementation research needs to be underpinned with actions that build trust in the process and workforce and ensure local compatibility.
- Very Brief Advice for smoking cessation can be delivered, but challenges remain due to lack of availability of smoking cessation medication and counselling.
- Pulmonary rehabilitation sessions can be run affordably and effectively in the community.
- Education and training interventions should include a wide spectrum of healthcare professionals and community health workers (not just doctors).

Recommendations

- The knowledge and other benefits generated by the project need to be sustained in the face of competing health priorities.
- Implementation of effective interventions depends on a data-driven case for change to be established and owned by local stakeholders.
- Data has been lacking on the size of the problem and the feasibility of solutions, including their affordability and cost-effectiveness.

FRESHAIR can offer clinical data and implementation data on demographics, risk factors, healthcare utilisation, quality of life, and direct and indirect costs of diagnosed respiratory patients to build those cases for change.

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COVID-19 open source sources of information

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