



Leprosy: training of health workers on skin-NTDs

The Defeat NCD Partnership

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Leprosy is one of the oldest diseases known to mankind. Despite considerable progress since the introduction of multidrug therapy (MDT) in 1982, new cases of leprosy continue to be detected. Around 200,000 new cases are reported annually by more than 100 countries. The disease affects primarily the skin and peripheral nerves. Early diagnosis and prompt treatment ensures complete cure and prevention of disabilities.

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- Describe the epidemiology of leprosy;
- Identify suspected cases and provide referral;
- Describe the cardinal signs for diagnosing leprosy and identify and manage lepra reactions;
- Treat using appropriate treatment regimens;
- Explain public health interventions to reduce the magnitude of the disease, including post-exposure prophylaxis
- Manage disabilities related to hands, feet, and eyes, including through self-care;



Leprosy is one among the three diseases, targeted for interruption of transmission in the WHO NTD roadmap 2021-2030. The Global Leprosy Strategy 2021-2030, a constituent of the NTD roadmap, calls for accelerating action to reach the goal of zero leprosy. The new Leprosy Elimination Framework provides a clear pathway for national programmes through three phases, i.e., interruption of transmission, elimination of leprosy disease and post-elimination surveillance.

This course addresses the epidemiological, clinical, and public health aspects relevant to the disease.

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Leprosy can be diagnosed and treated effectively at the peripheral healthcare level. The aim of the course is to increase the knowledge and skills of front-line healthcare workers to be able to provide the essential services to persons affected by the disease.

The course aims to provide information about leprosy to increase the knowledge and skills of front-line health workers in national programmes to manage this disease and its complications.



Approximate course duration: 2 hours.

Languages: This course is available in the following languages: English

Content Warning: This course may contain images, videos, and multimedia materials related to healthcare that may include graphic depictions of medical conditions, surgical procedures, and other clinical content. These materials are intended for educational purposes to enhance understanding of real-world medical scenarios and are essential for the comprehensive learning experience.

Assessment & Awards

You will receive a Confirmation of Participation upon completing all the modules in this course. Please note that this award does not serve as a professional qualification.



Front-line health workers in national programmes



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