

ISKRA GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Hotel Dubrovnik, Zagreb, 30 March 2011

Invited participants:

- Representative from the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare
- Members of ISKRA (national coordinating committee)
- Members of the Working groups on future ISKRA guidelines (representatives from professional associations and scientific societies in medicine relevant to future guidelines)

Purpose: Introducing evidence based guideline development and preparing the stage for ISKRA guidelines on invasive fungal infections, prostatitis and community acquired pneumonia

Over the last years, many new antifungal drugs have been launched. As in other fields of infectious disease, resistance will become a threat if these agents are not used judiciously. Rising costs are also of concern. Prostatitis and community acquired pneumonia are frequent causes for antibiotic prescribing in hospital and ambulatory care and antibiotic resistance in relevant pathogens is rising.

The Intersectoral Coordination Mechanism "Interdisciplinarna sekcija za kontrolu rezistencije na antibiotike (ISKRA)" was founded with the primary task to improve rational prescribing of antibiotics and thus preserve the efficacy of the existing antibiotics. In the past ISKRA has organized workshops for guideline development on antibiotic therapy according to the AGREE methodology with the support of international consultants. After building consensus, four guidelines have been implemented. Now the development of another set of guidelines is planned.

The aim of this meeting is to present the evidence based guideline development methodology to newly joined groups of clinicians. The Workshop will offer time for discussion to exchange knowledge and experience with eminent experts in the field from Radboud University Nijmegen and the Academic Medical Centre Amsterdam, who are members of the board of Working Party of Antibiotic Policy (SWAB), The Netherlands and the ESCMID Study group on Antibiotic Policy (ESGAP).

Coordinator: Prof.dr. Arjana Tambic Andrasevic

Invited expert infectious disease physicians:

Dr. Suzanne E. Geerlings	Academic Medical Centre Amsterdam
Prof. dr Inge C. Gyssens	Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Centre
Prof. dr Bart-Jan Kullberg	Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Centre
Prof. dr Jan M. Prins	Academic Medical Centre Amsterdam

Programme

9.00 – 9.15	Registration / Welcome	
9.15 – 9.30	The role of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare in the Croatian ISKRA guideline programme	A Tambic Andrasevic / V Stamenic
9.30 – 9.55	Evidence based guideline development (AGREE, ... and beyond)	IC Gyssens
9.55 – 10.20	Ten years' experience with an evidence based guideline programme in the Netherlands: SWAB	JM Prins
10.20 – 10.30	Plenary discussion	All participants
10.30 – 12.00	Plenary lectures: - Therapy of Candida infections: what have we learned from clinical trials? - Current controversies in the treatment of CAP - Treatment of acute, chronic and non-bacterial prostatitis	BJ Kullberg JM Prins SE Geerlings
12.00 – 12.15	Plenary discussion	All participants
12.15 – 13.15	Lunch break	
13.15 – 14.15	Parallel Working sessions (interactive) Overview of clinical guidelines: on Systemic Fungal Infections (group 1) on CAP (group 2) on Prostatitis (group 3)	Moderators BJ Kullberg JM Prins SE Geerlings
14.15 – 15.15	Work in groups, assessment of existing clinical guidelines	Group participants
15.15 – 16.00	Plenary presentation of findings of the assessment (groups 1, 2, 3)	All participants
16.00 – 16.30	Barriers to introduction of guidelines and how to remove them	IC Gyssens
16.30 – 16.45	The ISKRA guideline programme: update and future plans	A Tambic Andrasevic
16.45	Closure	

Official language of the meeting: English