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**Summer School
Clinical practice guidelines
on rare diseases**

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9 July Guideline introduction

9.00	Welcome and Course objectives
9.30	Lecture: Role of clinical practice guidelines and challenges of their development
10.30	Break
11.00	Scope, priorities and questions Small group exercise
12.30	Lunch
14.00	Search strategy Individual exercise
17.00	Adjourn

10 July Using evidence for developing recommendations I

9.30	Overview of study designs
10.30	Break
11.00	Appraisal of the quality of the studies, presenting evidence Small group exercise
13.00	Lunch
14.00	Appraisal of systematic review Small group exercise
17.00	Adjourn

11 July Using evidence for developing recommendations II

9.30	Grade system
11.00	Break
11.30	Grade system Individual exercise, Gradepro
13.00	Lunch
14.00	Making recommendations using the Grade approach
14.45	Drafting guideline
15.00	Evaluating existing guidelines (AGREE II)
16.30	Adjourn

General objectives

This course will take the participants through the development process for clinical practice guidelines. It does this by providing the basics of clinical practice guideline and evidence synthesis approaches.

The course will cover the following topics:

- Identify key clinical issues to be included (scope)
- Develop review questions using PICO and PIPOH and planning the systematic review
- Identifying the evidence: formulating, executing and documenting a search strategy
- Assessing quality of relevant studies, summarize and interpreting the body of evidence to make recommendations
- Lack of evidence on guidelines development: formal consensus (Delphi-like method)
- Appraisal of synthesis documents: guidelines and systematic reviews

The course format consists of: brief presentations followed by individual or small group exercises. The course will be of benefit for guideline developers and health care professionals interested in learning how to use evidence in practice.

Methods of Assessment

There will be no formal examination, but a Certificate of Attendance will be awarded to those completing the course.

How much will it cost?

The course is available free of charge. Please take note that the Istituto Superiore di Sanità will provide refreshments (tea, coffee and biscuits) during the day and a three course lunch but will not pay for travel and accommodation expenses.

Important dates

9-11 July 2012
Day course

26 April 2012
Application is open

15 July 2012
Deadline for application submission