



Chronic Illness Care



Course Information Sheet

Introduction: The CARMEN School announces the course **Evidence-Based Chronic Illness Care (EBCIC)** that will take place at the University of Miami, Florida, on 12-17 July 2009. This course is a collaborative effort between the PAHO Chronic Disease Project and the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health of the Miller School of Medicine at the University of Miami (UM). The course is appropriate for health professionals involved with chronic disease management and quality of care at different levels of the public health system. The present course is a condensed version of the EBCIC offered as a one-week summer course.

Objective: To provide scientific evidence to reorient the primary care systems to better address the chronic disease pandemic.

Place: University of Miami
Clinical Research Building
Room 988
1120 NW 14 St.
Miami, FL 33136
USA

Schedule ➔ (Registration) 5:00 to 8:00 PM, Sunday, 12 July 2009
➔ (Course) Monday-Friday, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Accommodation: A group of rooms will be blocked at the Marriot Miami Dadeland, 9090 S. Dadeland Blvd., Miami, FL 33156:
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/miadd-miami-marriott-dadeland/>

The Miami **metrorail** system connects Dadeland to the UM Campus at the Jackson Memorial Hospital area, where the course takes place. The ride takes around 25 minutes. Tokens to access the metrorail are available at the metrorail station machines for the price of US\$ 2.00. The nearest stop to the University of Miami is Civic Center.
<http://www.miamidade.gov/transit/metrorailstations.asp>

Scholarships: PAHO will offer a limited number of scholarships. The scholarship will cover accommodation and *per diem*. The selection of candidates will be based on the answers to the application form questions, as well as the relevance of the course to the applicant and the potential for the applicant to utilize the course contents in their area of work.

Deadlines: The deadline for application for scholarship is **10 June 2009**. The deadline for course registration is **15 June 2009** but may remain open if space is available.

Certification: A certificate of participation from the Pan American Health Organization will be provided at the end of the course

Language: English-Spanish and Spanish-English translation will be available. All readings are available in English only.

Webcast

<https://portal.paho.org/sites/Elluminate/ATab2.aspx?CalendarDate=2009-07-1&CalendarPeriod=month&View={12C10EDC-08A9-4CFD-9E2B-373BEA3D6F82}> (copy and paste into browser)

Distance Education Site: PAHO Virtual Campus

<http://devserver.paho.org/virtualcampus/moodle/course/view.php?id=24>

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Course Summary

Evidence-Based Chronic Illness Care will introduce students to ways in which health systems can be reoriented to better manage chronic conditions such as diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, cancer and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. This topic is of pressing concern to health systems around the world as life expectancy and exposure to risks for chronic health problems rise. Students will learn about health care models that synthesize essential aspects of chronic disease management, including components within the organization of the health system (multidisciplinary teams, provider decision support, clinical information systems, and patient self-management support), community services and linkages, and public health policies and financing mechanisms. State-of-the-art evidence and best practices for chronic disease management will be reviewed, and remaining knowledge gaps will be identified. Emphasis will be placed on population-based strategies and their application in different scenarios, including low-resource settings and developing countries. The course integrates the perspective and experience of the World Health Organization in public health aspects of chronic diseases in low- and middle-income countries, particularly in the Americas. This program is a collaborative effort between the University of Miami and the Pan American Health Organization and is part of the CARMEN School.

