

Karachi Training Center - WGO Info Package

Name: WGO Karachi Training Center

Location: Karachi, Pakistan

Center Director: Dr Wasim Jafri

Introduction:

The WGO-AKU Training Centre provides residential training courses to trainees from Pakistan, Central Asia (and other areas of the world) in the theory and practice of gastroenterology; these courses are designed to supplement and enhance training provided in the home country and do not attempt to provide a complete training in gastroenterology. The courses are based on a defined curriculum developed jointly by WGO through its committee on Education and Training and experts from AKU and Pakistan to reflect the health care needs of this area and based on a caring and ethical approach to patient care. Didactic components review both basic science relevant to gastroenterology, as well as the latest concepts of gastrointestinal disease, in both formal lectures and small group interactive seminars. Practical instruction in endoscopy and other clinically-important procedures is provided through interactive video- and electronically-based programmes, as well as live patient demonstrations.



Main Objectives / Goals:

- To promote the highest standards in gastroenterology and endoscopy training in the region.
- To foster interactions between international and regional experts in the field of gastroenterology
- To expose young gastroenterologists-in-training to the most current knowledge in gastroenterology
- To promulgate best practice guidelines in gastroenterology and endoscopy
- To develop a curriculum for training in gastroenterology based on current science, ethical principles and relevant to local and regional health care needs.

Facilities:

The centre is equipped with the latest endoscopic facilities along with oesophageal manometry and Ph recording.

Teaching Facilities:

Maximum number of participants for (non-endoscopic) workshops – 40

Number of courses which could be held per year – 4

Months in which courses could be organised – 1 course per 3 month period

Faculty and Staff:

Gastroenterologist 10

Nursing Staff 6

Technicians 6

The faculty for the centre is drawn from local expertise and from a panel of international experts, nominated by the WGO Education and Training Committee. Courses are delivered in the AKU teaching hospital with the active participation of its faculty, which consists of 10 local Gastroenterologists.

Areas of Training:

Upper and Lower GI endoscopies, diagnostic and Therapeutics

- Endoscope Disinfection
- Hepatitis C
- Hepatitis B
- Functional Bowel Problems
- Acid Peptic Disorders
- Endoscopy Nurses Training
- Endoscopy Technicians



Courses Offered:

Short Courses

- 3 Day Hands-on Training Workshop – Basic Techniques of Endoscope Washing and Handling (10 participants)

Dates: October 1 – 3, 2009

- 5 Day Hands-on Training Workshop – Fellows in Gastroenterology (20 participants)

Dates: December 2 – 6, 2009

- 2 Day Certificate Course – Hepatitis C (40 participants)

Dates: April 15 - 16, 2009

- 2 Day Certificate Course – Hepatitis B (60 participants)
Dates: March 18 – 19, 2009
- 5 Day Certificate Course – Endoscopy Nurses and Endoscopy Technicians
Dates: July 2009
- 2 Day Certificate Course – Functional Bowel Problems (40 participants)
Dates: August 2009
- 2 Day Certificate Course – Acid Peptic Disorders (65 participants)
Dates: December 2009



Long Term Training Programs

One fellow per year for a maximum of 3 months training in a predefined area

Regulatory Requirements:

Trainees must be registered with the PMDC and PGME of AKU. Health Insurance, Visa is required for non Pakistani nationals.

Certifications:

- Certificate of Participation is given to Workshop Participants
- Certificate of Training given to trainees

Trainee Application Process:

Application with CV indicating the type of training requested.

Endorsements:

The Karachi Training Center has been endorsed by

- the World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO)

Funding / Sponsorship:

Funding and sponsorship is currently received from the following sources:

Funds are generated by the centre for its activities mainly by industry support

Site-Seeing Experiences

The centre is in the premises of the Aga Khan University. The university has a world class sports centre and trainees can use the facility with proper approval and payment of fees.

Karachi Training Center Scholarship Amount:

USD 8500 for 3 Month Training