



Online MASTERS in FAMILY MEDICINE



The accredited program initiated in the year 2014 in collaboration with Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore, University of Edinburgh, Scotland and International Christian Medical and Dental Association (ICMDA)

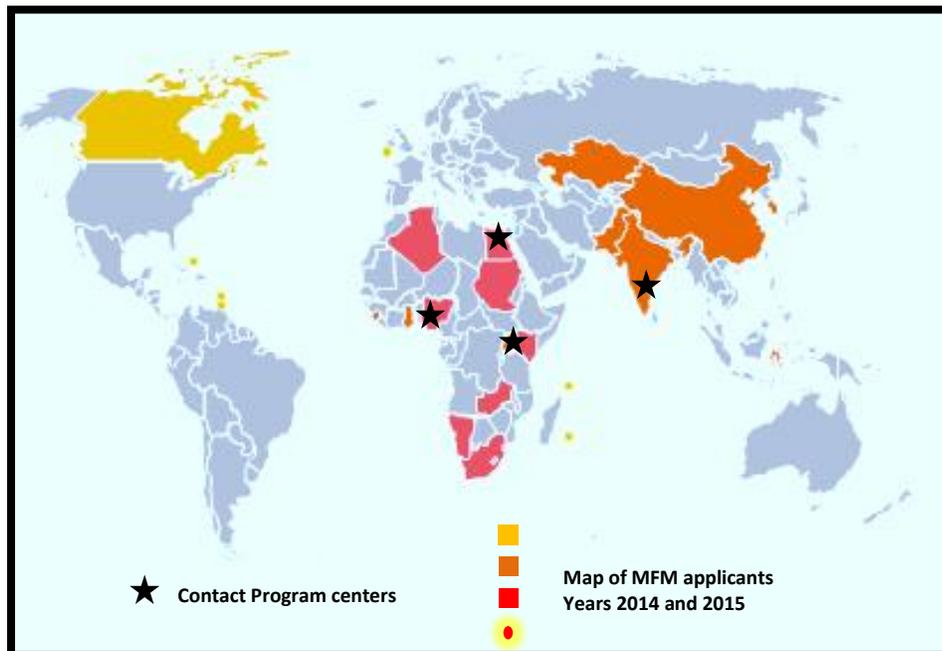
It is a post graduate equivalent training program equipping doctors working in developing countries, to deliver cost effective patient/ family/ community centered care.

**Capacity building of Family Physicians to efficiently...
'Resolve more and refer less' in limited resource setting rural areas**

Blended Curriculum delivering...

- ⊗ Family Medicine Principles
- ⊗ Clinical Knowledge Updates
- ⊗ Rational Drug Therapy
- ⊗ Clinical Skills Training
- ⊗ Evidence Based Medicine
- ⊗ Diagnostic and Investigation Skills
- ⊗ Primary Care Research Component

The Online Masters in Family Medicine program has gained momentum with 29 students waiting to enroll in the program, for the year 2015-2016. These students were selected from a pool of 79 applicants. The MFM course applicants are from Africa, Asia, Caribbean and other developing countries. The year 1 students have started the curriculum with the online discussion on 'Introduction to Family Medicine' and 'Universal Health Coverage'. The new batch will be attending the contact centers where the face to face sessions will be conducted. This time we are looking forward to beginning a new center in Harpur Memorial hospital, Menouf, Egypt.



Contact centers for year 2015-2016

- ⊗ Harpur Memorial Hospital, Menouf, Egypt
- ⊗ Bowen University Teaching Hospital, Ogbomosho, Nigeria
- ⊗ Christian Medical College, Vellore, India
- ⊗ Meng hospital, Kampala, Uganda

The contact sessions are structured to hone the clinical skills and face to face interaction of students and the facilitators, who attend the respective centers. The sessions also include student seminars, patient bedside and case scenario discussions.

Faculty Development Workshop:

Yearly faculty development programs are held by the Distance Education unit of CMC to enthuse faculty involved in the distant learning Family Medicine program on Family Medicine principles and also orient on effective facilitation of contact program, to be 'platform for transformation'. The workshop activities include interactive lectures, roleplays and facilitators' discussion on the challenges faced in conducting the face to face sessions.



Dr. Patrick Luwaga, Deputy Medical Director, Mengo Hospital, Kampala, Uganda is our local coordinator at the Ugandan regional center. He attended the faculty development workshop and actively participated in the workshop activities.

MFM course promotion in Shiloh 2015 conference:

The MFM course, being one of the ICMDA health initiatives, shared a stall at the Shiloh 2015 conference in CMC, Vellore. The conference was attended by doctors and medical students from all over India. This enabled to discuss among doctors, final year medical students and interns - the importance of Family medicine and the role of the MFM course as a capacity builder of Family Physicians across the globe for comprehensive medical care.