

Timetable for ACF Course April 2015

“Evidence-based decision-making and critical appraisal skills: a course for NIHR ACFs”

Day 1	Tuesday, 8th September 2015	
09:00	Registration and coffee	
09:15	Welcome & introductions	
09:45	Medical Leadership: 1	RC
10:45	Coffee	
11:00	Evidence-based decision-making	FM/MB
12:00	Designing a trial: exercise	MB
12:30	Lunch	
13:30	Appraising a study about therapy: Introduction	MB
	Appraising a study about therapy: practical exercise 1A	Delegates
	Appraising a study about therapy: practical exercise 1B	All
15:30	Tea	
15:45	Implementing evidence: why have guidelines?	FM
16:30	Medical Leadership: 2	RC
17:00	Finish	
Day 2	Wednesday, 9th September 2015	
09:00	Feedback and reflections	All
09:15	Medical Leadership: 3	MB
09:45	Implementing evidence: how are guidelines developed?	FM
10:15	Statistical “nuggets”	MB
10:30	Coffee	
10:45 11:10	Variation in practice: why does it happen and why is it important? Shared decision-making	MB
11:45	Research that can best help patients and their clinicians	RM
12:30	Lunch	
13:30	Appraising a study about diagnosis: Introduction	MB
	Appraising a study about diagnosis: practical exercise 2A	Delegates
	Appraising a study about diagnosis: practical exercise 2B	All
15:30	Tea	
15:45	Survival analysis	FM
16:30	Medical Leadership: 4	MG
17:30	Finish	

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Day 3		Thursday, 10th September 2015		
09:00		Feedback and reflections	All	
09:15			RM	
10:00		Implementing evidence	FM	
10:30		Coffee		
10:45		How to do a Cochrane systematic review	MB	Didactic lecture
11:30		Bias and how to assess it		Didactic lecture
		Risk of bias practical exercise		
12:30		Lunch		
13:30		Pitfalls in clinical trials	RS	
14:30		Appraising a systematic review: Introduction	MB	Didactic lecture
		Appraising a systematic review: practical exercise 3A	Delegates	Student study
		Appraising a systematic review: practical exercise 3B	All	Whole class practical exercise
15:30		Tea		
15:45		Medical Leadership: 5	RC	Interactive talk
17:30		Finish		
19:00		Drinks		
19:30		Course Dinner		
Day 4		Friday, 11th September 2015		
09:00		Economic analysis	FM	
10:00		Non-randomised studies	BR	
10:30		Coffee		
10:45		Assessment		
11:30		Feedback		
12:30		Lunch		
13:30		Departure		