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Epilepsy Assessment & Management Course

Professional Development for African Physicians and Nurses

The 2019 Global Epilepsy Report called attention to the pervasive lack of knowledge among healthcare workers in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) in how to diagnose and treat people living with epilepsy. Training health care providers in underserved areas to care for this population is one of the aims of ROW Foundation.

In December, we made a grant to **Pretola Global Health & Consulting** to partially fund a three-month virtual epilepsy course for doctors and nurses in Africa. It will be held January – March 2021, delivered by neurologists, psychiatrists and epilepsy specialist nurses based in the U.K., Europe and Australia. The virtual course will equip clinicians with knowledge and clinical skills in diagnosis, risk management and specialty topics.

Participants are encouraged to share what they learn with colleagues who are unable to attend. Several research projects are expected to spin off from the course as well. Fifty-five participants from twelve countries are enrolled and future cohorts are planned for other regions, as well as another course tailored to leaders of epilepsy nonprofits.

The poster for the 'Epilepsy Assessment & Management Course' is designed with a blue and white color scheme. It features a silhouette of a person's head in profile, facing right, with a glowing blue brain inside. The brain is connected to a network of lines and dots, suggesting neural activity. The text on the poster includes: 'PRETOLA GLOBAL HEALTH & CONSULTING LIMITED' in a blue circle at the top left; 'AFRICA EDITION' in a white circle at the top right; 'presents EPILEPSY ASSESSMENT & MANAGEMENT COURSE' in bold black and red text; 'FOR DOCTORS & NURSES IN LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES' in blue text; '16 JANUARY-27 MARCH 2021' and '4 HOURS | EVERY FORTNIGHT SATURDAY' in black text; 'VIRTUAL COURSE CALL +44 7424 733 059' in black text; 'COURSE VALUE £1200' in a blue circle; 'YOU PAY £80 OUR SPONSORS COVER THE REST!' in a blue circle; 'NOTE: REGISTRATION CLOSING 18 DECEMBER 2020 OR EARLIER IF ALL SLOTS ARE BOOKED' in black text; 'LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE. BOOK NOW. PRETOLAGHC.NET/BOOK-EAMC' in black text; 'FOR ENQUIRIES, CONTACT US eamcsupport@pretolaghc.net www.pretolaghc.net' in black text; 'DELIVERED BY EPILEPSY EXPERTS IN EUROPE' in a blue circle; and the ROW Foundation logo and 'SPONSORED BY One World, One Standard.' logo at the bottom.

Epilepsy specialist nurse and Pretola CEO Tolu Olaniyan believes that knowledge is power. According to Tolu, "People with epilepsy in LMICs deserve to have access to the same level of care as their peers in other parts of the world. This course was created to support clinicians in LMICs to acquire the expert skills and knowledge they need to raise the standards of epilepsy management in their countries."



Community Health Worker Program in India

Our enhanced epilepsy care program is now ramping up after COVID-related delays. This month, Dr. Mumta Bhushan Singh and our new program manager traveled to Badarpur, Assam to meet up with the **Lifeline Express**. The train-based hospital delivers specialist care to ten rural communities in India annually. Dr. Singh pioneered epilepsy services on the train and has led this specialty clinic for eleven years. Our planned program will augment the monthly clinics with pre-clinic awareness activities and post-clinic support via a new telehealth center.