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More Health Promotion Training Opportunities

SHARP will conduct three iterations of the *Fundamentals of HIV-STD Prevention Counseling Course* in September 2001. Seats are limited to 40 students per iteration. This is a 2-day course (0800-1630, both days). There is no registration fee. TAD travel and per diem are the responsibility of the student's command.

To secure a quota, provide the local host with the student's full name, grade, command of assignment, duty mailing address, duty e-mail address, duty phone, and the student's position or specialty.

Course dates and local hosts are:

12-13 (Wed-Thur) Sep 01, NH GUAM. The local host is CDR Min Chung-Park; DSN 344-9781/9775; commercial (671) 344-9781/9775; e-mail MCHUNG-PARK@GAM10.MED.NAVY.MIL.

18-19 (Tues-Wed) Sep 01, NH OKI NAWA. The local host is Mr. David Elger, DSN 645-2620; commercial 011-81-6117-45-2620; e-mail ELGERDH@OKI10.MED.NAVY.MIL.

24-25 (Mon-Tues) Sep 01, NH YOKOSUKA, JAPAN. The local host is LCDR Lauren Rodier; DSN 243-9776; commercial 011-81-6160-43-9776; e-mail RODIERL@NHYOKO.MED.NAVY.MIL.

Continuing Education Credit:

Medical Corps: 13.5 CME hours - Nurse Corps: 14.8 hours - Others: 16 contact hours

Course Objective: This course was developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention based on *Project Respect*. Participants in Project Respect counseling sessions reported *significantly higher condom use and 30% fewer had new STDs* compared with participants in the comparison condition (didactic session). Students examine the various factors that influence risk-taking behavior, and improve their one-on-one disease prevention counseling skills by applying the CDC's 6-step process. Students learn how to help clients identify their risks, understand their options, and develop a plan to reduce their risk of reinfection, and practice these skills in role play scenarios.

Target Audience: The course targets physicians, Navy Preventive Medicine Technicians, PM Representatives, Independent Duty Corpsmen, nurses, counselors, and public health educators, tasked to counsel individual Sailors and Marines regarding sexual behavior risk reduction. Since May 2000, this course has been provided to all new Preventive Medicine Technicians before they graduate from the Navy School of Health Care Sciences.

Suggested Prerequisites: Basic knowledge of HIV/AIDS/STD epidemiology, prevention, and antibody testing is required. The course does NOT review any pathophysiology of STDs. Prospective students are invited to complete any or all of the 4 free self-study courses offered through SHARP. See the SHARP homepage at <http://www-nehc.med.navy.mil/hp/sharp/education&training.htm> for more information about these courses.

DoD Health Promotion Conference

Thanks to everyone who attended the first-ever DoD Population Health and Health Promotion Conference in San Diego! The session evaluations are still being analyzed, but verbal comments received were very positive and the planning committee for that conference have already begun to plan another combined DoD Health Promotion Conference in Baltimore, August 2002, hosted by the US Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine (USACHPPM).

In addition, the Navy Environmental Health Center's Health Promotion and Population Health Directorate will provide a number of skill-building courses at the NEHC Annual Workshop in March 2002 at the Chesapeake Conference Center, Chesapeake, VA. The courses will be incorporated into the entire NEHC Workshop Agenda, rather than being listed as a separate Health Promotion Conference Agenda. Stay tuned for more on that in the next few months!