

## VIETNAM EM COURSE 2017 REPORT

Venue Cho Ray Hospital, Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC)

**Course 1:**

**Medical Basic Course  
May 29 & 30, 2017**

**Course 2:**

**Trauma Course  
June 01 & 02/06, 2017**

**40 attendees per course  
+ 25 observers  
total over 120 attendees**

We ran 2 courses over 4 days (2+2) at the education centre of Cho Ray hospital, HCMC where we ran our inaugural course last year, too. Due to last year overcrowded workshops we decided to limit the course attendees to 40 but allow observers for our lectures. Indeed we had a large number of attendees from many different hospitals around the Southern Vietnam – the furthest one came from Ca Mau region – a remote area of the most Southern tip of Vietnam. We also have to put a few attendees on our waiting list due to limited numbers.

Our courses were scheduled in 2 main sessions – lectures in morning and workshops in the afternoon. Lecture slides were submitted 6 weeks in advance for translation by our Vietnamese Emergency Physicians and also local faculties. Lectures were given this time by Australian and Vietnamese faculties. The lectures were initially translated in summary, ie translation occurred only as a summarised version at the end of each slide and sometimes after 2-3 slides to keep up with our limited time for our daily schedule but within our 1<sup>st</sup> day we realised that not all attendees are fluent enough and therefore, we adjusted and changed our workshops and lectures to instant translation. Both courses were closed with 2 exams – practical with 4 stations and also written exam (MCQs) – these were requested specifically by our Vietnamese organisers. For the practical test stations, we had 1-2 co-examiners as translators – these happened to be previous course attendees who we managed to reinvoke back – with the great support of ACEM International Development Fund.

ACEM International Development Fund provided support for us to hire more manikins and equipment for our workshops and also we were able to invite some previous attendees back for this 2<sup>nd</sup> course so they can translate as well as run a few workshops with our AUS faculties' support.

Both courses received great feedback and also requests for us to run more similar courses in the rural region of Vietnam.

We also were asked by our Vietnamese organisers to commit to run this course annually in long term and also the University of Ho Chi Minh City for Medicine and Pharmacy is keen to integrate this course in their Emergency Medicine module for every graduate. We also recognised the vast discrepancy of knowledge for major centres such as Cho Ray and any smaller urban EDs as well as our attendees from

different hospital around Ho Chi Minh City as well as the regional centres. Therefore, we are keen to restructure this course and also adapt to the local request.

This course was set up to aim to bring the standard of EM to all area of South Vietnam and upon request to our local organisers, we have since been invited to run our next course in Can Tho – the largest city of the Mekong Delta and also the only other referral centre of the South. We are currently planning for our next BASIC COURSE in Can Tho for May 07-09, 2018 in and further ADVANCE COURSE for invited attendees and potential faculties only for May 11-12, 2018.

With the kind support from ACEM International Development Fund, we were able to provide

- Translation by our local faculties as well as attendees who might be able to help to improve EM skills further in their own hospitals
- Hire necessary equipment and provide better resources to improve our workshop experience
- With the remaining fund we intend to use it for our next course in the rural area of Vietnam, Can Tho – Emergency Medicine is nearly non-existent in this region

**Attached**

- Course schedule
- Receipt from Cho Ray Hospital administrator for fund usage 2017