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<b>Title</b>	Strengthening of Technical Competencies of Primary Care Physicians through an Advanced Capacity Building Program on Prevention & Management of Diabetes & Cardiovascular Disease in India
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<b>Abstract</b>	<p>Introduction: Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) is projected to account for more than 23.3 million deaths by 2030. However, over 80% of deaths due to CVD occur in low and middle income countries, of which, India alone is burdened with approximately 25% of cardiovascular-related deaths. Therefore, building a competent cadre of Primary Care Physicians (PCPs) to combat this burden is the need of the hour.</p> <p>Objectives: To address this need, Advanced Certificate Course in Prevention &amp; Management of Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease (ACMDC): a comprehensive program, designed on an interdisciplinary multi-partner framework to train 700 PCPs in 35 regional centers across India over a span of 6 months. The training will be provided by 10 National Experts and 70 Regional Faculty. A robust and innovative “Program and Monitoring &amp; Evaluation (M&amp;E) Mechanism” has been designed to ensure quality and standardized delivery of training.</p> <p>Discussion: ACMDC aims to enhance knowledge, skills and core competencies of PCPs to address case management, counseling; referral and prevention of diabetes in patients with Coronary Heart Disease (CHD) and CHD in patients with diabetes.</p> <p>The training provided, will be a judicious mix of case-studies, group discussion, assignments, activities and direct teaching by experts (Diabetologists &amp; Cardiologists). Complete and comprehensive learning package includes printed modules along with CD.</p> <p>Quality assurance of the program will be ensured by necessary documentation, peer-reviews and by establishing alignment between module objectives, lecture material, case discussions, assignments, assessments and continuous monitoring. Robust pedagogy and mentorship will be an integral component to this program.</p> <p>Results and Conclusion: ACMDC, a unique and sustainable initiative will be an effort to build a trained cadre of PCPs in India and will positively set a trend in the field of cardio-diabetes education and help improve CVD indices in India.</p> <p>Key words: Training, Competency, PCPs, M&amp;E, India</p>
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