

Advertisement for Recruitment of Research Assistants

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Recruitment of 04 Pre Intern Medical Officers for the project:

Nutritional status of the adult pulmonary tuberculosis patients in the Western Province and effectiveness of a nutritional intervention package on selected aspects of patient outcomes

1. Background of the Project

Inadequate nutritional support is identified as a one of major challenges in care for tuberculosis patients in Sri Lanka. Malnutrition, specifically under nutrition is proved as a cause and effect for TB disease. Sri Lanka maintains 100% population coverage of DOTS from 2010 and the target of more than 85% treatment success rate is achieved. Sputum conversion rate was reported as 85.3% which it is important to interrupt transmission from the patients to others. Treatment is known to reverse not only infectivity, it also replenishes the nutritional status of the patients. However, there are no supportive literature in Sri Lanka to know the nutritional status applied with TB specific nutritional interventions in current health care provision.

This research project is aimed to get extensive knowledge on nutritional status of smear positive pulmonary TB patients from the Western Province.

Findings will be used as an initiative to TB specific nutritional care for clinic patients which can be implemented in routine health care provision.

2. Duties & Responsibilities

- i Visit the three district chest clinics of the Western province and the Outpatient department (OPD) of the National Hospital For Respiratory Diseases
- ii Coordination with District Tuberculosis Control Officers and other staff to recruit eligible adult tuberculosis patients and the healthy participants
- iii collection of data pertaining to the nutritional status of the study participants
- iv extraction of data related to the clinical status of the participants
- v assist in the implementation of nutritional intervention and its follow up as per the recommendations by the Technical Group
- vi Data entry and supporting in preparation of reports and other documents

3. Desired qualifications for post

Possessing a medical degree (MBBS or equivalent degree recognized by the SLMC)

Good command of English and Sinhala or Tamil languages

Ability to carry out functions listed above efficiently within a given a time frame

Possessing good PR capacity to coordinate with Medical Officers and rest of the staff

4. Experience required for the post

Previous research experience as a medical student will be an added advantage for selection

Age limit : Not more than 35 years as at the date of closure of applications

Monthly remuneration Rs. 35,000/-

Working hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on 5 week days, 8 a.m. - 12 noon on Saturdays

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Duration: 09 months

Candidates are invited to submit their complete CV, including copies of relevant documents, contact details and references before 10th of October 2017 to the following postal address or e-mail ;

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