Training Course on
Application of Biostatistics in Epidemiology and Public Health

4th – 8th December, 2023

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The Department of Epidemiology and Department of Statistics and Demography of the institute is organizing an offline training course on "Application of Biostatistics in Epidemiology and Public Health".

Course Coordinating Team

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Details of Submission of Course Fee

There is a course fee of Rs. 5,000/- per participant which can be paid by online banking. The bank details are:

Name of the beneficiary : Director, NIHFW
Bank Name & Branch    : SBI, NIHFW, Munirka,
                       New Delhi-67
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Participants should pay the fee for the course only after they receive an acceptance letter/email from the institute.

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Introduction

To have a better health care delivery system and health management, the programme managers and academia require evidence which usually comes from research. Research in public health requires an adequate information which comes from quality data and its scientific analysis. Biostatistics is an interdisciplinary scientific field and Biostatisticians develop and apply statistical methods to scientific research in health-related fields, including medicine, epidemiology, and public health etc. The role of the biostatistician is an important one, especially when it comes to designing studies and analyzing data from research problems. Whereas Epidemiologists study the distribution and determinants of health and disease in populations.

Epidemiology and biostatistics both are the cornerstone of public health research and practice. It is very important for program officers, academicians, public health researchers to have basic knowledge and skills of epidemiology and biostatistics and its application.

This training course introduces the health researchers to the quantitative methods that are helpful in public health research and evidence-based public health policy and practice. Statistical and epidemiological concepts will be taught in parallel to promote integration of knowledge across both disciplines.

Specific Objectives

This course will prepare the participants:

- To apply basic epidemiological methods in public health settings.
- To describe the biostatistical skills involved in the analysis of health statistics.
- To describe the applications of statistical software in data analysis.

Course Contents

- Introduction to Epidemiology
- Measures of disease occurrence and risk
- Epidemiological Study design- Descriptive, Analytical and Experimental
- Bias in Epidemiological studies and confounding factors
- Surveillance and Screening
- Reliability and validity of screening and diagnostic tests
- Statistical exercises those are applicable in epidemiological studies
- Introduction to Biostatistics in Public Health
- Data Collection- Tools and Techniques
- Data Presentation techniques
- Data summarization
- Sampling technique and sample size estimation
- Introduction to Inferential Statistics and Hypothesis Testing
- Tests of significance
- Correlation and Regression
- Basics of Epi Info

Methodology

The participatory approach will be adopted throughout the course comprising of

- Lecture cum Discussion: Each lecture session will be followed by discussion and interaction with participants
- Case Studies: Case studies will be discussed
- Hands on training and problem solving exercises

Duration

5 days (4th—8th December, 2023)
9.30 am - 5.00 pm.

Nature of Participants

The participants will be health professionals working in Govt./ Pvt. Medical and Nursing Colleges, SIHFW. Demographers, Epidemiologists, Statisticians and Biostatisticians.

Training Outcome

The course will be helpful in capacity building of the faculty of the medical colleges and other public health personnel to analyze the health statistics in public health research.

Last date for sending nominations

24th November, 2023