

QUOTES ABOUT OF THE CME PROGRAM FROM PROGRAM TRAINERS



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“Continuing Medical Education” is very actual and timely. I can only welcome such undertakings of FAR and want to express some of my wishes:

1. The Ministry of Health of RA should acknowledge and give the official status to the program;
2. It would be appropriate to make these educational programs annual and obligatory that community doctors get full and fresh medical information and know about changing international standards of diagnosis and treatment.”



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“I want to stress that all anesthesiologists that are trained in our center want to learn everything new that they did not know. This is important to stress because FAR makes the right choice. After returning to their communities, anesthesiologist will apply the knowledge and use the equipment donated by FAR, which will make the life of the patient safer and make their work easier.”



Dr.H.Kalenteryan, Chief Neonatologist of RA

Sharing Opportunities to Learn and Improve Practical Skills

Today, Dr. Hrant Kalenteryan is a chief neonatologist in Armenia. He is an expert in resuscitation and one of the most famous specialists in the field of pediatric reanimation. He is a volunteer mentor for doctors participating in FAR's CME Program and has already trained two (from Vanadzor and Masis). He enjoys it. It is a pleasure and a duty for Hrant. He benefited from such post-graduate training earlier in his career and now wants to give back by sharing his knowledge and expertise with others.

"The FAR CME Program is a great vehicle to help doctors practicing in the provinces, Karabagh and Javakhk learn new developments. It provides a key opportunity to connect with other doctors, both by specialty and geographic area," said Hrant who takes pride in maintaining contacts with his trainees. "Not only are the knowledge and skills from post-graduate training important, but also the permanent relations with us."

The Mechitar Heratzi Yerevan Medical University graduate worked for four years in a Spitak hospital (the heart of the 1988 earthquake zone), then partook in a two-year post-graduate clinical fellowship in Saint Petersburg. In 1995, Hrant participated in a FAR Medical Fellowship at Cornell Medical Center in New York. His four-month training made a lasting impression. Hrant is a member of the FAR Fellowship Alumni Association (FARFAA), FAR's CME Program partner.

Before leaving for the FAR Fellowship, Hrant was the head of the Pediatric Reanimation Department in Arabkir Hospital. After returning from New York, he was appointed the head of Pediatric Reanimation Department in the prestigious Children's Hospital #1.

"The percent of prematurely born children in Armenia has been increasing over recent years. However, the capabilities of modern medicine have also increased our chances of saving the lives of such children," said Hrant.

Interestingly, most of the medical equipment and much-needed supplies in the Children's Hospital #1 has been donated by individuals and international organizations, like FAR. Most recently, FAR gave this hospital two pulse-oxymeters for the Pediatric Reanimation Department.



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I can describe my opinion about Regional Medics Education program using one sentence: “I have spiritual and moral satisfaction from this program”. I am very busy, but I am finding time for this program lectures every request period. I think this program one of the more interesting and necessary program ongoing in Armenia! We have many intelligent and professional doctors in this program that joint work is giving good results. This is right way to increase medical service in region of Armenia. This program is giving the unique chance and possibility to share our knowledge and skills with colleagues from regions. Also this program is raising regional doctor’s problems and we have possibility to solve many of them together! Important part of this program is annual summary lectures courses where we doing some kind of analysis of our works! I hope this program will be continued and have new good results.