TBPPM Learning Network: Quality TB Care for all people by all providers!

The TBPPM Learning Network was launched on the 30th of October 2019 during the Union World Conference on Lung Health in Hyderabad, India. The new Learning Network is a platform to share ideas, projects, webinars and other resources on engaging the private sector, with the goal to help countries and stakeholders ramp up efforts to end TB. Joining the online community is free, and anyone interested can register at: www.tbppm.org.

At the launch of the TBPPM Learning Network, Dr Madhukar Pai, Director of McGill Global Health Programs and the McGill International TB Centre and Chair of the Stop TB PPM Working Group added, “We are thrilled to launch this online learning network on PPM, to help advance the agenda on private provider engagement and help countries implement the PPM Roadmap we have. A large proportion of missing patients are in the private and informal sector. Regardless of where patients seek care, they deserve quality TB care. We hope the learning network can facilitate a vibrant community of practice that can help make this a reality.” (Read More: WHO News Feature)

We are now approaching 100 days since the launch and have almost 500 members, with daily posts. The discussion page has over 300 posts to date, with a variety of academic and news articles, as well as job posts, courses, and information pieces.

Members interact with each other in country pages, discussing local news and challenges. And a set of PPM Themes guides discussions and interactions on the content of the PPM Roadmap.

A webinar series has been initiated and two have been held recently, highlighting TB Survivors and the PPM Roadmap. Both webinars are available (video and audio), as well as a related discussion forum, background readings and a blog. Anyone interested can register and participate in the webinar and discussions. Questions for speakers can be asked during the webinar directly or online. This is a good opportunity to get direct feedback from experts and interact with colleagues from around the world.

Every month, there will be at least 2 new webinars on PPM themes. Our next webinar on February 5th focuses on ‘Quality of TB Care’.

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