



Short Clinical Exchange Programme

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Poland

Hospital for Infectious Diseases in Warsaw (HIDW)

City: Warsaw

Description:

- HIDW consists of in- and out-patient facilities and two main lab facilities - all made available for potential fellows. Currently, the hospital has 250 beds, in six hospital wards for adults, a pediatric department and an Intensive Care Unit.
- HIV out-patient clinic is a model clinic based on example from SF Ward 86 and is functioning since 1996.
- The centre has been hosting many educational and exchange programmes in the past. Currently, HIDW participates in EU-sponsored programme NAVA-PROM accepting fellows from CEE - we have hosted fellows from Moldova, Serbia, Lithuania and Belarus. HIDW serves as EACS-WAVE site for peer2peer programme.

Fields of expertise:

- HIV:

Out-patient care:

- Currently approximately 4200 patients in care
- Patient-centered care
- Integrated care for HIV (psychologist, social worker, seven specialists including nephrologist and STI)
- Integrated care for women (HIV, gynecology, pediatrics)

In-patient care:

- HIV/TB and other OIs
- HIV/active drug users

- Hepatitis
- Neuroinfections and other serious IDs (sepsis, abscesses)
- Clinical Trials Unit

Language requirement: English, Ukrainian, Russian, Polish

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Romania

National Institute for Infectious Diseases “Prof. DR. Matei Bals”

City: Bucharest

Description:

The institute coordinates the HIV and infectious diseases activity across the country. Also, it is in permanent connection with the nine Medical Teaching Centers in Romania, thus providing education and training to medical students and professionals in the abovementioned areas and the ones related to them.

The clinical activity is deployed on 690 beds for adults and children as well as it operates on a highly modern technical platform that serves an entire network of laboratories, clinical wards, internal pharmacy, administration offices and programmes. Among the clinical wards, there are intensive care units for adults and children, outpatient clinic for adults and children.

Since the early 1990s, the Institute has become a leader in the management of HIV patients, providing services in the area of treatment, clinical care, and psycho-social support. Initially, the Institute provided support and care for hundreds of paediatric cases, harboring the first wards dedicated to children, that continues to function to date where The Compartment for Monitoring and Evaluation of HIV/AIDS Data also resides.

In terms of current number of HIV patients, there are over 4000 persons that access specific services out of 14000 patients, at a national level, in active surveillance.

In what concerns the professionals working within the Institute, we have a complex team of physicians, specialised in children and adults pathology, in multiple Laboratory specialties, as well as psychologists and social workers. The team that works in the Paediatric HIV has a vast experience, that started to shape at the beginning of the 1990s, given the particularities of the HIV epidemic in our country. This enabled multiple professional exchange visits from colleagues from Central and Eastern Europe, starting with the 2000s for our experience and expertise in HIV paediatric.

Fields of expertise:

- Clinical, teaching and research activities in Infectious Diseases
- HIV in Adults, Teenagers and Children
- Coordination of PMTCT activities across the country
- Clinical and Research activities in Infectious Diseases with special focus on HIV
- Molecular Genetics Laboratory
- Clinical studies and research in HIV

Language requirement: English

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