Adolescent HIV Care and Treatment

Module 15: Supervised Clinical Practicum

Module 15 Learning Objectives
After completing this module, participants will be able to:
- Describe the core competencies required to provide adolescent HIV care and treatment services
- Demonstrate core adolescent HIV care and treatment competencies in a clinical setting
- Identify their own strengths and weaknesses in providing adolescent HIV care and treatment services

Session 15.1
Practicum Planning and Preparation

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After completing this session, participants will be able to:
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Discussion Questions
The practicum will give you a chance to apply what you have learned during the training in a clinical setting.
- Have you participated in practicum sessions as part of other trainings?
- What was helpful about these practicum sessions? What could have been done better?
- What are your expectations for this practicum session on adolescent HIV care and treatment?

Practicum Logistics
- Time and location
- Assignment of participants and preceptors
- Role of adolescent co-trainer(s)
- Daily and final practicum debriefing sessions
Core Competencies

- Participants will practice and demonstrate skills learned during the classroom portion of the training.
- See Appendix 15B: Practicum Checklist, which lists the core competencies for the practicum session.
- Preceptors will be available to help and mentor participants.

Conduct During the Practicum Session

- Remember that we are guests and must respect the wishes of those working at the health facility.
- Keep all discussions and observations during the practicum confidential.
- Inform the preceptor if you need to take a break or leave the facility for any reason.
- Introduce yourself to other health workers and clients.
- Always ask clients and their caregivers for their verbal consent before you observe or practice skills.
- Ask the preceptor if you have a question or concern.

Questions or comments on this session?

Session 15.2 Objectives

After completing this session, participants will be able to:
- Demonstrate core HIV care and treatment competencies in a clinical setting
- Identify their own strengths and weaknesses in providing adolescent HIV care and treatment services

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Supervised Clinical Practicum and Debrief

Exercise 1

Supervised Clinical Practicum and Daily Practicum Debrief

See Appendix 16B: Practicum Checklist.
**Exercise 1: Daily Debrief**

- What core competencies did you practice during the day?
- Which competencies were the most comfortable for you to conduct? Which were the most challenging?
- Are there areas in which you feel you need more practice? Which ones?
- Were there any unexpected or new things that you observed during the practicum session today?
- Do you have suggestions to improve tomorrow’s practicum session?

**Exercise 2**

**Final Practicum Debrief:**
Small and large group discussion

**Exercise 2: Small Group Discussion**

- What was your overall experience during the practicum?
- What skills did you find the most difficult to perform?
- What skills did you find the least difficult?
- In which areas would you like more mentoring in the future?
- What did you learn during the practicum that you did not expect to learn?
- What was your most memorable experience during the practicum?
- Once the training is over, how can participants and preceptors continue to support each other in building their skills?

**Exercise 2: Large Group Discussion**

- Brief report back from small group discussions
- Discuss areas where more mentoring is needed
- Discuss how we can continue to support each other after the training
- Summary of the preceptors’ overall experiences and observations during the practicum

**Exercise 2: Debriefing**

- Congratulations on a job well done during the practicum session!
- Continue practicing these skills after you return to your health facilities and as you work with adolescent clients.
- Mentor each other as well as other health workers at your facility to ensure that quality, youth-friendly HIV care and treatment services are provided.

**Questions or comments on this session?**