# EDUCATIONAL CENTER
## HEALTH CENTER VALJEVO



Health Center Valjevo is an institution with a tradition over 140 years. It employs about 300 doctors, from interns to subspecialists, Masters and PhDs.

In order to achieve optimal utilization and further improvement of existing health personnel and the existing, impressive technical equipment of the Health Center Valjevo, continuing professional development and modernization of knowledge is nessesary for all, from high, to higher and  secondary medical personnel, as well as for non-medical workers.

The existing "passive" type of education in the Serbian medicine, centralized at the university centers and with only occasional seminars organized by Serbian Medical Association in the cities in the interior, proved to be inefficient because it gathered too many participants and dealt with the theoretical issues,  available in the existing medical literature. Practical aspects of both new and previously already adopted diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, were usually disregarded. Scientific research work was a privilege of the great university centers. Modern medicine, with the constant progress of technology requires skilled, creative, computer literate, communicative and well informed doctors whose medical knowledge will not be outdated, compared to medical knowledge around the world. Modern medicine requires a doctor whose skills will follow modern technical achievements, applied to medical equipment and instruments.

Elsewhere in the world the problem of post-specialist training for doctors is resolved through structured continuing medical education programs that are conducted at universities, but also in non-university organizations and with the mandatory testing of acquired knowledge. Ministry of Health of the Republic of Serbia has introduced licensing system and stressed the need for decentralization-regionalization of the health system, emphasizing the importance of continuing medical education in regional health centers.

The basic conditions for the work of the Center for Continuing Education in the Health Center Valjevo were set in December 2005, when the Center was established. The Center follows educational needs in various fields of medicine for doctors from Kolubara Region and adjacent regions, with the possibility of cooperation with health institutions from other regions as well, with clearly defined plans and programs of the Center, made in cooperation with renowned medical experts from our state and abroad. With modernization of existing space in the Health Center Valjevo, thanks to cooperation and joint projects with USAID / IRD, students of various educational workshops and schools have the opportunity to follow activities of Educational Center, whether they take place in the operating room, outpatient clinics for the diagnostics or at different departments, from the classrooms and seminar room. Access to IT equipment is provided to all interested personell, together with the connection to the academic network and cable internet.

In addition to participation in the organization of numerous seminars, workshops, schools, Education Center participates in professional publishing, and thus contributes to the expansion of professional and scientific information.
Staff of Education Center comprises of three employees, but the key support is provided by the outstanding young professionals from various fields, posted in the Educational Center, as civil service.

Since 2005, Educational Center has organized over 150 activities, providing services for over 6000 users.

We hope in the future to continue and deepen cooperation with previous partners, including medical schools, especially with the University of Kragujevac Medical School, and start an intensive cooperation with the professional Chambers of health workers and coworkers. We are preparing our proposals for future programs of continuing education, in order to apply for accreditation of those programs, at the Health Council of the Republic of Serbia.

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