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Manuals


World Health Organization (WHO). Trachoma Grading Card – a double-sided, illustrated card explaining a simplified grading system for recognising trachoma. Available in English only. Available from World Health Organization and ORCEA

Trachoma Information materials in Portuguese. Available from Service De Oftalmologia Sanitaria


This teaching set discusses risk factors for the transmission of Chlamydia trachomatis, clinical features of the eye disease using the simplified WHO classification, medical and surgical treatments and preventive measures including recommendations for personal and community hygiene and sanitation. It particularly emphasises the SAFE strategy for the control of trachoma. Available from ICH Price: £15 + post and packaging for developing countries; £20 + post and packaging elsewhere. Also available to download as a PowerPoint presentation, single Word document and image files from www.iceh.org.uk/files/tsno7/start.htm

ASTRA CD-ROM

ASTRA is a rapid and reliable tool for classifying communities according to the prevalence of active trachoma. If coupled with spatial sampling techniques the method may be used to map trachoma prevalence over wide areas at reasonable cost. Operational research into using ASTRA to map the wide area prevalence of trachoma is currently ongoing in Vietnam. A CD ROM describing the ASTRA method is available. This CD ROM provides training material (video, slides, and manuals), background documents, and data collection forms for the ASTRA method as well as easy to use software for developing LQAS sampling plans. The CD ROM is available free of charge. Available from Mark Myatt, Brixton Health, 8 China Street, Llanidloes, Powys SY18 6AB, Wales, UK Email:mark@brixtonhealth.com

Web sites

International Trachoma Initiative www.trachoma.org/home.asp

Trachoma Information Service www.kcco.net

WHO Global elimination of trachoma meeting and workshop reports www.who.int/pbd/publications/trachoma/en/

BBC World Service Trust www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/trust

This website provides a description and photographs of multimedia trachoma communication campaigns in Ghana, Ethiopia, Nepal and Niger developed by the BBC World Service Trust.

Addresses for ordering resources

International Resource Centre, International Centre for Eye Health, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London WC1E 7HT, UK.

Email: sue.stevens@lshtm.ac.uk

Website: www.iceh.org.uk

World Health Organization WHO Marketing and Dissemination, Avenue Appia, CH – 1211, Geneva 27, Switzerland. Email: bookorders@who.int

Ophthalmic Resource Centre for Eastern Africa (ORCEA) Kilimanjaro Centre for Community Ophthalmology. P O Box 2254, Moshi, Tanzania. Email:bookorders@who.int

Website: www.kcco.net

Service De Oftalmologia Sanitaria Avenida Dr. Arnaldo, 351 – 6 Antar, Conjunto Cesar, Sao Paulo, SP-CEP 01246-902, Brazil. Fax: +55 11 853 3085 5962

Email: rhm2@ig.com.br dfoval@saude.sp.gov.br

Website: www.cve.saude.sp.gov.br

Teaching Aids at Low Cost (TALC) PO Box 49, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 5TX, UK. Email:info@talcuk.org

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**NOTICES**

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- **TF Trachomatous Inflammation – Follicular** The presence of five or more follicles in the upper tarsal conjunctiva

- **TT Trachomatous Inflammation – Intense** Pronounced inflammatory thickening of the tarsal conjunctiva that obscures more than half of the normal deep tarsal vessels

- **TS Trachomatous Scarring** The presence of scarring in the tarsal conjunctiva

- **CO Corneal Opacity** Easily visible corneal opacity over the pupil

**WHO simplified trachoma grading system**

- **TRACHOMATOUS INFECTION** The presence of follicles, infiltrates or papilla in the conjunctiva

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**Next issue**

The next issue of the Community Eye Health Journal will be on the theme Red eye – the primary eye care approach.

Note from the Editor

Community Eye Health Journal has had a ‘face lift’ but not a change of content. Our new design helps us to include more content and present it in a way which can easily be used for training or adaptation. Hope you like it!