The report on the Second Consultation on IMCI Pre-service Training is now available on line. The Consultation was held in Cairo, Egypt, from 27 to 31 August 2006. Initial information on the consultation was posted on this website on 6 September 2006. The report provides an overview of IMCI pre-service training in the Eastern Mediterranean Region, describing the progress of introducing IMCI elements into teaching programmes of medical and allied health professional schools in countries in the region, highlighting the strategy developed and recommended by the regional office (EMRO) for this purpose and providing information also on the experience in this area in the African region. The report also briefly describes issues on the sustainability of this approach discussed in the consultation and provides an update on developmental work which is being carried out by the regional office, including the development of an e-learning material and an IMCI pre-service training evaluation guide. Finally, examples of main findings of the evaluations conducted using the draft tool in two countries are summarized.

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