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## **INTRODUCTION PHASE**

MOH&ME official, written endorsement to implement the IMCI strategy

**June 1997**

National IMCI Orientation Meeting for decision-makers

November 1997

National Committee established, IMCI structure set up with appointment of IMCI coordinator and focal p

November 1998

## EARLY IMPLEMENTATION PHASE

Adaptation of MCI clinical guidelines completed

August 1998

First 6-day IMCI case management course for doctors at central level conducted

October 1999

IMCI early implementation phase started at district level (6-day courses for physicians and 10-day courses for nurses)

January 2000

First IMCI follow-up visits after training conducted

March 2000

Review of Early Implementation Phase and planning for the Expansion Phase conducted

December 2001

**EXPANSION PHASE**

Beginning of expansion to the whole country

**January 2002**

IMCI introduced in pre-service training

**March 2002**

**IMCI implementation**

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**Selection of provinces/districts for IMCI implementation**

Criteria used to select provinces and districts for the early implementation phase have included:

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Good physical access to central staff, to enable follow-up;

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Availability of committed staff at district level for planning and management.

Since 2002, all provinces in the country have been implementing IMCI. [Top](#)

**Preparation of health facilities prior to IMCI implementation**

Preparatory activities include ensuring regular supplies of drugs and vaccines. [Top](#)

**Targeted providers at health facility**

Staff working at primary health care (PHC) facilities—including health centres and health houses—and managing children under-five are the primary target of IMCI in the country (see current coverage). [Top](#)

### **IMCI clinical guidelines**

The generic WHO/UNICEF IMCI technical guidelines have served as a starting point for the development of the Iranian IMCI guidelines, prepared for different categories of health providers. [Top](#)

### **IMCI case management training course duration**

Course duration varies according to the category of health provider involved:

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Physicians: 6 days

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Behvarzes: 10 days [Top](#)

### **Follow up after training (skills reinforcement)**

The first follow-up visit after IMCI case management training is usually conducted 4 to 6 weeks after the course. Data collected during the visits are collated at central level. [Top](#)

### **Supervision**

Supervision of health providers trained in IMCI is carried out using a 39-item supervisory checklist (in Farsi) developed specifically for this purpose. [Top](#)

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