

**Moderator:** can you list fungal case, you come across?

**Respondent:** tinea corporis, tinea pedis, oral candidiasis. These are the most cases we came across.

**Moderator:** so what do you recommend when you face them?

**Respondent:** we usually prescribe: clotrimazole, fluconazole, and azoles in general. But the most common ones are easily found clotrimazole and fluconazole both in tablet, creams and vaginal pessaries.

**Moderator:** how do you prefer the medications one from the other?

**Respondent:** personally, I prefer the fluconazole tab. It is single dose 150mg. In the case of the syrup it will stay for three days. For example, in the case of the vaginal candidiasis instead of putting on the pessaries every day I prefer to give the single dose at one time.

**Moderator:** where did they get these drugs?

**Respondent:** most of the drugs are accessible. I think it's better if you could ask the pharmaceuticals. Am not sure. Some of them are available here in our hospital.

**Moderator:** do you have any challenges regarding the accessibility, availability and affordability?

**Respondent:** especially one particular drug is not available but the rest are available elsewhere. So regarding the price am not sure, we just prescribe and they go to pharmacy. Otherwise the tablet and the creams are available here

**Moderator:** do you think animal can be the source of the disease?

**Respondent:** yea. But in Addis there is no as such interaction between human and animal but in the country side it is common. There is interaction between human and animals.

**Moderator:** to solve the problem of the drug availability, accessibility, affordability what do you think should be improved? And as suggestion who should do that?

**Respondent:** if these drugs are easily accessible and available. I think it will be good for the treatment and reduce the risk of the disease. And if we can increase the supply, it could help to improve the supply.

**Moderator:** which one is difficult to access? is it the drug with prescription or without the prescription?

**Respondent:** mostly you access the drugs with prescription.

**Moderator:** you can't access drugs without prescription?

**Respondent:** am not sure.

**Moderator:** if you don't mind look at these pictures and if you do know any one of these diseases?

**Respondent:** almost all of these I have encountered. Only am not sure of this one is it scabies? The others are the dermatological cases. This one is kind of similar with the TB and it's difficult to differentiate?

**Moderator:** what do you do? If one of these are your patient?

**Respondent:** I will first make a serious investigation. Sputum AFB, chest X-ray. If it's available gene expert is good for the sputum test. And also I have to send the ESA. Erythrocyte sedimentation. That will tell us if the case is acute or chronic so, I will go to the test. We also have the skin TB test. When we have disseminated type of TB it can disseminate to anywhere so it's differential.

**Moderator:** if the sputum test and the other TB test come negative what do you do?

**Respondent:** I think I will have to consult my seniors.

**Moderator:** I think this one is histoplasmosis. It looks the same as a TB.

**Respondent:** if you talk to the seniors they will mention that as a differential.

**Moderator:** we understand that the TB is much more common.

**Respondent:** if the patient is HIV positive, the TB will probably be common in HIV positive individuals. It will be in the list of our differential.

**Moderator:** do you know any issues of resistance related to antifungal medication?

**Respondent:** the one that we use as a shampoo, ketoconazole is becoming resistant. The drug that I haven't mentioned is the ketoconazole. Which is commonly accessible and the patient could buy the shampoo of ketoconazole without prescription.

**Moderator:** you don't have the issues with the parenteral antifungal?

**Respondent:** not so far, just like I told you, we only see internal medicine. Any dermatologic case we will send to the [name] hospital. which is the specialty for the dermatology. And also TB and HIV.