

AZUS IN COOPERATION WITH UNICEF HELD SEMINAR FOR UNACCREDITED HEALTHCARE INSTITUTIONS

On November 30th and December 1st, 2017, AZUS in cooperation with UNICEF held seminar for unaccredited healthcare institutions in a hotel „M“ in Belgrade.

On this occasion the standards for accreditation of maternity wards and neonatological healthcare which were developed and adopted in 2016, were presented.

The purpose of the seminar was to introduce representatives of unaccredited healthcare institutions, working in maternity wards and neonatology units, with the key areas of these standards, related to the family-oriented approach and stimulating treatment with the newborn and mother, during their stay within the maternity ward and neonatal unit.

The seminar was attended by gynecologists, working in the maternity ward, neonatologists and pediatricians working in the special care units for newborns, obstetric nurses and pediatric nurses from the special care units for newborns.

In addition to director of AZUS, Vladimir Arsenovic, Marija Mitic and Vlada Davkovski, who presented the accreditation process, quality improvement and patient safety tools, procedure for standards development, dr. Dragan Antic and dr. Olga Stanojlovic presented the experiences of accredited healthcare institutions, challenges in the implementation of the standards in practice, leading principles and ten steps for the protection, promotion and the support of breastfeeding in an accredited maternity wards, as well as presentation of standards related to neonatological healthcare and the principle „skin to skin“. Dr Milica Rankovic Janevski presented the modern concept for organization of neonatology units, with the emphasis on the concept of developmental care. Dr. Jelena Zajeganovic Jakovljevic and dr. Ivana Mistic, informed participants of the seminar on international initiatives for providing conditions in maternity wards and neonatology units in the best interests of mother and newborn, and their connection with the standards for accreditation of maternity wards and neonatological healthcare.

Participants of the seminar were representatives from unaccredited hospitals from: Arandjelovac, Bor, Valjevo, Vranje, Kladovo, Kraljevo, Krusevac, Loznica, Negotin, Novi Pazar, Paracin, Priboj, Prijepolje, Surdulica, Cuprija and Cacak. They all agreed that a lot of useful information were presented and exchange of experiences between lecturers and colleagues was provided.

