Additional file 2a – Screenshots of physician training e-learning modules

42-year-old Bahadur was brought to the hospital emergency department with an infected wound on his right foot. Because of repeated convulsions he was admitted to the hospital. He could not open his mouth, could not swallow anything and there was stiffness of his neck and body. He was also sweating a lot. His wife reported that while working in the fields 10 days back, he had stepped on a nail. He treated the injury by himself. The patient died of repeated convulsions on the second day after admission in the hospital.

The correct underlying cause of death is:

- a) Stepping on a nail
- b) Convulsions
- c) Tetanus
- d) Infection

Key words you might include are: nail penetrating skin of foot, infected wound, convulsions, difficulty opening mouth, stiffness of neck and body.
Additional file 2b – Screenshots of verbal autopsy surveyors’ e-learning modules

Introduction

This Verbal Autopsy training tool is developed in order to aid the training process of Verbal Autopsy Field Surveyors. The animation below explains the concept of Verbal Autopsy and demonstrates how to use the training module.

Background Information

Verbal autopsy is an investigation of the chain of events, circumstances, and signs and symptoms of illness leading to death through an interview of relatives or associates of the

Interview 01: Death of 70 years old male, daughter interviewed

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Interview 02: Death of 60-70 years old male, daughter interviewed