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Introduction

Throughout 2011 the Víctor Grífols i Lucas Foundation organized discussion and debate of the ethical problems which concern our society. The first event of the year was the presentation of the monograph: *Sexuality and the emotions: can they be taught?* This issue had been discussed at the Foundation in the context of the approval of the new abortion legislation, with the aim of focusing on the need to provide young people with sexual education. Indeed, it is important to note that the correct title of what is generally referred to in Spain as the abortion law is actually “basic legislation on sexual and reproductive health and the voluntary termination of pregnancy”. The success of this event, which was very well received, is clear proof of the need to address such questions openly and without fear.

The events organized by the Foundation also include internal seminars, one of which was dedicated to the issue of electronic communication and the health issues and ethical problems this raises. This is an area in which we have a long-standing interest, one we share with the Scientific Communication Research Centre of the *Pompeu Fabra University* and which is continuously expanding to incorporate new questions as the internet grows and provides yet more ways of obtaining information. During the final months of the year, we also held another seminar on the ethics of health organizations. This sought to bring together two different perspectives – of health managers and of care professionals – in the belief that the lack of contact and communication between these two groups is often a cause of conflicts and misunderstandings which undermine the quality of patient care.

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Introduction

In September the Island of Lazareto in Menorca hosted a meeting of experts in the fields of ethics and public health. The aim of this gathering, the second organized by the Foundation to address public health issues, was to identify and formulate the most important ethical problems raised in public health promotion, something which is essential if we are to evaluate public policy and analyse its compatibility with respect for our fundamental rights. The Foundation intends to continue to pursue this line of inquiry and to offer a range of publications designed to shape opinion and to develop our understanding of the ethics of public health.

As in previous years, the Foundation has cooperated with the Menéndez Pelayo International University Consortium, Ernest Lluch Center of Barcelona. This year's course was entitled "Accompaniment at the end of life", and mirrored the successes of earlier years. It was well received by health professionals engaged in the difficult task of treating patients during the last moments of their lives.

The Foundation's catalogue of publications continues to grow, with our monographs making the proceedings of events available to a wider audience. And our website also provides a platform for the research funded by the grants we award each year. It is our hope that in this way we can contribute to the task of reflecting upon and discussing some of the most pressing ethical issues of our times.



Victòria Camps



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The aim of the Víctor Grífols i Lucas Foundation is to promote the study and development of bioethics within the world of human health and the life sciences.

Established in 1998, under the auspices of [Grifols](#), a holding company dedicated to the hospital pharmaceutical sector, the Foundation is an independent body which dedicates resources to the investigation of the ethical problems which arise among the diverse range of people working in the health sector.

The Foundation's goals are as follows:

- To promote research in specific areas of bioethics by awarding grants and prizes.
- To organize lectures and seminars which raise awareness of and explore the ethical issues which are constantly raised by the life and medical sciences.
- To produce publications which disseminate the work of the Foundation.
- To be receptive to any activities which aim to explore the ethics of life.

The Foundation



The Foundation

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees of the Foundation has fourteen members, all of whom are recognized for their achievements in different areas of bioethics research and investigation. Their links with a wide range of disciplines including philosophy, medicine, teaching and law provide a multidisciplinary basis for the Foundation's activities.

President: Victòria Camps

Professor of Moral Philosophy at the Autonomous University of Barcelona

Vice-president: Marc Antoni Broggi

Surgeon and President of the Bioethics Committee of Catalonia

Treasurer: Manuel Canivell

Doctor and former scientific director of Grifols, S.A.

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Francesc Abel

President of the Board of Trustees of the Borja Institute of Bioethics

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Founder and Honorary President of the American Refugee Committee and Member of the American Committee of UNICEF

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Professor of Basic Psychology and Emeritus Professor at the Autonomous University of Barcelona

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Head of the Clinical Pharmacology Service of the *Hospital Clínic* of Barcelona

Tomás Dagá

Lawyer with Osborne Clarke S.L.P.

Vladimir de Semir

Lecturer and Director of the Scientific Communication Research Centre of the Pompeu Fabra University of Barcelona

Guillem López i Casasnovas

Professor of Economics at the Pompeu Fabra University of Barcelona

Josep Maria Lozano

Lecturer at the ESADE Department of Social Sciences

Francesca Puigpelat

Professor of Legal Philosophy at the Autonomous University of Barcelona



Board of Trustees

In memoriam

On 31 December 2011 Dr Francesc Abel i Fabre sadly passed away. He was a doctor of medicine, a theologian, the founder and director of the Borja Institute of Bioethics. As the leading promoter of bioethics in Spain, he was the first to create an institution dedicated to research and education in bioethics, inspired by the Kennedy Institute of Ethics in Washington. He was also a pioneer in promoting hospital ethics committees, the first one being the committee at the *Hospital Sant Joan de Déu* in Barcelona.

The Víctor Grifols i Lucas Foundation was always privileged to find in Francesc Abel a source of help and support, and a lively, lucid intellect. His memory lives on in the work of the Foundation.



Dr. Francesc Abel i Fabre

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Throughout 2011 the Foundation promoted a range of events and activities with the aim of generating debate and discussion of issues related to bioethics.

Presentation of the publication of: *Sexuality and the emotions: Can they be taught?*

On 23 March the Foundation presented the publication of *Sexuality and the emotions: Can they be taught?* The coordinating editor of the document, Rosa Ros, director of the *Centre Jove d'Anticoncepció i Sexualitat* (Young People's Centre for Contraception and Sexuality), presented this study, which is designed to provide parents, educators and health professionals with some considerations regarding sex education for children and adolescents.

The presentation was followed by two lectures:

- "Educación en armonía: afectividad, sexualidad y convivencia", (Education in harmony: the emotions, sexuality and living together) given by María Jesús Comellas, doctor in Psychology and lecturer at the Department of Applied Pedagogy at the Autonomous University of Barcelona.
- "La maternidad en la adolescencia y su influencia sobre la trayectoria vital" (Adolescent motherhood and its influence on life outcomes), by Margarita Delgado, doctor in Sociology and researcher at CSIC, the Spanish National Research Council.



Presentation of the publication of: *Sexuality and the emotions: Can they be taught?*

Course: *Economic crisis and the right to health: the use of medicines*

The Pharmaceutical Care Foundation and the Víctor Grífols i Lucas Foundation together with the University of Alcalá, organized a course titled “Economic crisis and the right to health protection: the use of medicines”, which took place on 11 and 12 April. The course sought to provide an ethical perspective on such issues as the use of medicines, innovation, caring for the chronically sick, and the welfare state.

The speakers were:

- Guillem López i Casasnovas. Professor of Economics at the Pompeu Fabra University of Barcelona.
- Borja García de Bikuña. President of the Pharmaceutical Care Foundation.
- Miguel Ángel Ramiro Avilés. Professor of Legal Philosophy at the Carlos III University of Madrid.
- Manuel Machuca. Community pharmacist. Chairman of the Organization of Ibero-Latin American Pharmacists (*OFIL*).
- Alberto Morell. Head of the Pharmacy Service at La Princesa University Hospital in Madrid.
- Ángel Pelayo González-Torre. Professor of Legal Philosophy at the University of Cantabria.
- Olga Genilloud. Scientific Director of the Medina Foundation, Seville.



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- Xavier Carné. Head of the Clinical Pharmacology Service of the Hospital Clínic of Barcelona.
- Julio Alvarez-Builla. Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Alcalá.
- Jaime Boceta Osuna. General Practitioner with the Home Hospitalization and Palliative Care Unit. Virgen Macarena Hospital Area, Seville.
- Nieves Martín Sobrino. Technical Director of Pharmacy, Regional Health Department of Castilla y León.
- Francisco Arroyo. Former Head of the Internal Medicine Service of the General Hospital of Asturias.
- Amalia Torralba Arranz. Head of the Pharmacy Service at the Puerta de Hierro University Hospital, Majadahonda.
- Victòria Camps. Professor of Moral Philosophy at the Autonomous University of Barcelona.
- José-Fernando Jiménez Díez. Professor at the Faculty of Sports Sciences at the University of Castilla-La Mancha.
- Miguel Ángel Huertas. Head of the Gynaecology and Obstetrics Service at the University Hospital of Getafe, Madrid.
- Soledad Muelas. Pharmacist and director of *Tcuida* beauty clinic.

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Seminar: e-patients, web 2.0 and empowerment

On 16 May, the Víctor Grífols i Lucas Foundation and the Scientific Communication Research Centre of the *Pompeu Fabra University* (UPF) organized an expert seminar on the subject of e-patients, web 2.0 and empowerment. Chaired by Gemma Revuelta, assistant director of the Scientific Communication Research Centre, the seminar was conducted on the basis of an open format with four working groups of health professionals and students of the Master's in Scientific Communication at the UPF.

Lectures: *From theory to reality: assessment and implementation of financing and health delivery priorities*

For the third year in a row, the Foundation sponsored one of the sessions of the Global Health Leadership Forum. This health management seminar was organized by the Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, the Centre for Research in Economics and Health (CRES) and the University of Berkeley.

This year, the Foundation sponsored a session on 22 July considering funding and health priorities. The session included two lectures:

“Using health services research for priority setting in health care: UK’s NICE and other models” by John Cairns, Professor at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and member of the evaluation committee of the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE), UK.

“Spending on Health Care: How much is”, by Lise Rochaix, president of the Commission for Economic Evaluation and Public Health of HAS, the French National Health Authority.



Seminar: e-patients, web 2.0 and empowerment



Lectures: *From theory to reality: assessment and implementation of financing and health delivery priorities*

Seminar: Ethics and public health

On 22 and 23 September, the Spanish Society for Public Health and Health Administration (SESPAS) and the Víctor Grífols i Lucas Foundation organized a seminar on “Ethics and public health” under the auspices of the School of Public Health of Maó. The event brought together professionals from fields as diverse as philosophy, health care, teaching and law.

Coordinator:

- Andreu Segura, Director of Public Health at the Institute for Health Studies (*IES*) and president of SESPAS.

Speakers:

- Ricard Meneu, vice-president of the Health Services Research Institute Foundation in Valencia.
- Ildefonso Hernández, professor of Preventive Medicine and Public Health at Miguel Hernández University.



Seminar: Ethics and public health

Seminar: Ethics in health organizations, the logic of care and the logic of management

On 10 November the Foundation hosted the seminar “Ethics in health organizations: the logic of care and the logic of management”. The purpose of the seminar was to create a space for dialogue between the two logics which coexist in health institutions, to consider the nature of this coexistence and to identify the main obstacles they encounter.

The seminar was coordinated by Josep Maria Lozano, lecturer at the ESADE Department of Social Sciences, with papers given by the following speakers:

- Diego Gracia, Professor of the History of Medicine at the Complutense University in Madrid.
- Manel Peiró, director of the Integrated Health Services Management Programme at ESADE.



Seminar: Ethics in health organizations: the logic of care and the logic of management

Course: Accompaniment at the end of life

The final event of the year was the course “Accompaniment at the end of life”, organized by the Menéndez Pelayo International University Consortium, and sponsored by the Foundation. The course, which took place on 2 December and was directed by Marc Antoni Broggi, President of the Bioethics Committee of Catalonia, analysed the support received by dying patients in different care settings, and how this can be improved.

The speakers were:

- Ramon Bayés, Emeritus Professor of Basic Psychology at the Autonomous University of Barcelona.
- Josep Maria Busquets, member of the Department of Health.
- Anna Carreras, head of the Emergency Care Unit of the Germans Trias i Pujol Hospital.
- Clara Llubià, doctor with the Anaesthesiology and Reanimation Service of the Germans Trias i Pujol Hospital.
- Pilar Loncan, member of the Spanish Palliative Care Society.
- Joan Padrós, doctor with the Internal Medicine Service of the Hospital de Granollers.
- Núria Terribas, Director of the Borja Institute for Bioethics.

20th anniversary of the Bioethics Committee of Catalonia

In the final act of the year, the Foundation sponsored an event to mark the 20th anniversary of the Bioethics Committee of Catalonia. The proceedings took place at the Department of Health and were attended by the committee's previous presidents, Lluís Monset and Victòria Camps, and by its current president, Marc Antoni Broggi. Adela Cortina, Professor of Ethics and Political Philosophy, delivered a lecture entitled “Minimum ethics in times of crisis”.

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Course: Accompaniment at the end of life



20th anniversary of the Bioethics Committee of Catalonia

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Awards and Grants

Bioethics Award Ceremony

One of the objectives of the Víctor Grífols i Lucas Foundation is to promote research in bioethics. Each year the Foundation awards a research prize, a journalism prize, and four grants to support research in bioethics.

The 2011 awards ceremony was held on 20 October. The guest speaker was Adela Cortina, professor of Moral Philosophy and Politics at the University of Valencia, who delivered a paper entitled "Learning from the crisis? The role of ethics in the economy."

The jury

There were 5 submissions for the research prize, 36 for the research grants, and 10 for the journalism prize. The winning entrants were chosen by a jury consisting of:

- Salvador Alsius, dean of Journalism Studies at the Pompeu Fabra University.
- Margarita Boladeras, Professor of Moral Philosophy and Politics at the University of Barcelona and chair of the jury.
- Jordi Caïs, Professor of Sociology and Organization Analysis at the University of Barcelona.
- Màrius Morlans, Member of the Ethics Committee of the Vall d'Hebron University Hospital.
- Francesca Puigpelat, Professor of Legal Philosophy at the Autonomous University of Barcelona.



Bioethics Award Ceremony

13th Bioethics Research Prize

The Prize for Research in Bioethics, worth 6000 euros, was awarded to Eduardo Alfonso Rueda, Lecturer at the Institute of Bioethics at the *Universidad Javeriana* of Bogotá (Colombia), for his work, “[Uncertainty, autonomy and the use of predictive genetic tests: Beyond individual consent.](#)”

This addresses the challenges faced by the informed consent process in the light of the development of predictive genetic tests, and argues for the need to subject this process to greater controls. He proposed a public discussion of the criteria and circumstances under which such tests should be allowed.

11th Journalism Prize

The documentary “[Zeladors](#)” (Hospital Orderlies) won the Journalism Prize, now in its eleventh year and worth 3000 euros. Directed by Raquel Cors, it was broadcast as part of the *Gran Angular* programme on TVE, on 10 April 2011.

Waiting and daily hygiene are part of the basic routine of hospital life, but they can be stressful for patients and their families. This is why it is so important for hospital orderlies to know how to accompany patients, to distract them and even to make them laugh. This report looked at these health professionals and their relationship with patients.



13th Bioethics Research Prize



11th Journalism Prize

13th Research Grants

The grants to support research projects, worth 5000 euros each, were awarded to:

Anna Rodríguez Morera, of the Catalan Institute for Oncology in Girona, and Joaquín T. Limonero, of the Faculty of Psychology of the UAB, for the study: [Actions and emotional reactions of children and adolescents in the event of advanced cancer of their parents.](#)

Magí Farré Albaladejo and **Astrid Hernández** of the Fundación IMIM for the study: [Placebo information in clinical trials and its influence on the decisions of participants.](#)

Marta Roca Escoda of the Institute of Law and Technology of the UAB for the study: [Surrogate pregnancy and the system for registering parenthood. Analysis of a modern phenomenon.](#)

Roser Marquet Palomer of the ICS EAP Canet de Mar for the study: [The perception of confidentiality among elderly people in rural areas.](#)



13th Winning research, grants & prizes

Completed research projects

The authors of the projects which received grants last year presented their reports and conclusions in October. Details of projects (in Spanish) can be consulted on the website:

[Guidelines for de facto guardians of individuals with Alzheimer's disease who are invited to participate in clinical research projects](#), by Joan Canimas of the *Fundació Campus Arnau d'Escala*.

[Mechanical ventilation, percutaneous gastrostomy and decision-making in patients with ALS: survey of opinions of patients, relatives and doctors](#), by the team led by José Luís Villanueva, Head of the Advance Directive Registration Service of the Region of Madrid.

[Protection of confidentiality in computerized medical records: hospital mental health department patients](#), by the team led by Sara Fidel Kinori of the Psychiatry and Mental Health Research Group of the Vall d'Hebron University Hospital.



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Publications

Publishing programme

The Foundation produces three collections of publications – Monographs, Reports and Ethical Questions – in which it publishes documents and papers from the activities it organizes. All the publications are offered free of charge to users, with the aim of helping disseminate an understanding of bioethics. These can be downloaded as PDF files via the website, or ordered in printed form.

During 2011 the Foundation expanded its collection, with two new monographs, and the translation of four publications.

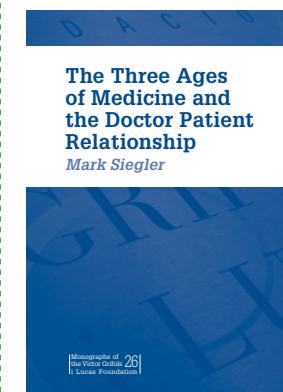
[The three ages of medicine and the doctor-patient relationship](#)

The doctor-patient relationship has gone through several different stages during history. Mark Siegler, Director of the Maclean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics at the University of Chicago, delivered the 4th Josep Egoscue Lectures, in which he reviewed the development of this relationship and the contribution of ethics to patient care. His lectures are published in this monograph, which also includes the discussion session and the contributions of a number of health professionals. Published in Spanish and English.

[Ética y salud pública](#)

This monograph addresses the application of ethics in a range of fields within public health. It considers specific issues from an ethical perspective, and seeks to develop a general approach to the application of bioethics in public health. The monograph contains contributions from a number experts who argue that bioethics should form an integral part of the theory and practice of public health. Published in Spanish.

Publications



Translations

As part of its aim of creating a bilingual collection of publications, the Foundation is retrospectively translating those titles originally published in Spanish. During 2011 the following monographs were published in English:

Ethics: the essence of scientific and medical communication

In 2010 the Foundation organized a discussion day on the ethics of scientific communication. This publication analyses the impact on scientific and medical communication of the generalization of access to knowledge. This monograph includes the working document from the seminar, together with the contributions of the participants.

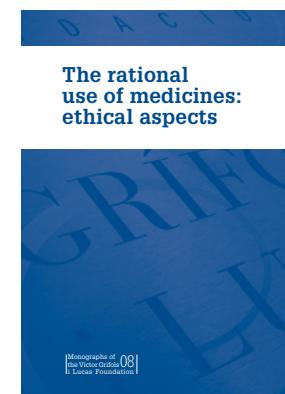
The rational use of medicines: ethical aspects

The consumption of medicines accounts for a major share of health expenditure. At the same time, it is one of the elements of health budgets to have fallen most sharply in recent years. The concept of “the rational use of medicines” invites us to make better use of the available knowledge before authorizing, prescribing and dispensing drugs. This publication offers an ethical perspective on an issue where the analysis is at times overly technical.

Practical problems of informed consent

Existing Spanish legislation often gives rise to doubts and misunderstandings with regard to informed consent. The practical problems associated with informed consent documents are the focus of this monograph, which sets out both the medical and legal points of view. This theoretical perspective is complemented by a number of case studies and the contributions of a range of professionals.

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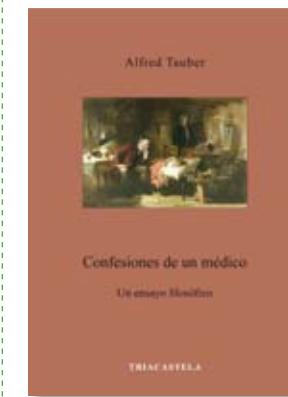


Publishing partnerships

Publishers Triacastela and the Víctor Grífols i Lucas Foundation have renewed their partnership in 2011 to publish a Spanish edition of one of the most influential texts in medicine and bioethics. *Confessions of a Medicine Man*. Written by Alfred Tauber, this book offers a personal introduction to the history of bioethics, the development of the health system in the United States, and the leading schools of philosophy of the 20th century. He addresses all of these issues by recounting episodes from a doctor's life.

The book is accessible to the general public, but is particularly recommended to those interested in the philosophical and ethical aspects of medicine. Topics covered include the doctor-patient relationship, the responsibility which derives from this, the role of the humanities in training health professionals, and patient autonomy.

Alfred Tauber is one of the leading writers on medicine and the humanities in the United States. *Confessions of a Medicine Man* was rated best academic book by the *Journal of the American Library Association* and was also awarded a prize by the American Medical Writers Association.



The background image shows a lush tropical forest. In the foreground, the dark, rippling surface of a body of water is visible. Several large, gnarled tree trunks extend from the water's edge, their intricate root systems exposed and sprawling across the surface. The forest behind them is dense with various shades of green leaves and branches.

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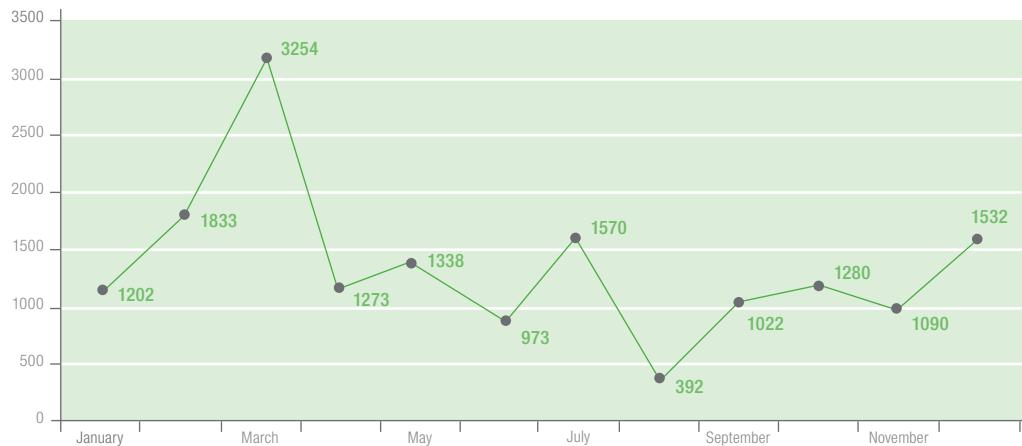
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The Foundation's website continues to be the main channel of communication with users. In 2011 it received an average of 1396 visits per month. The most frequently viewed sections were publications, the activities, grants and the bulletin.

User sessions



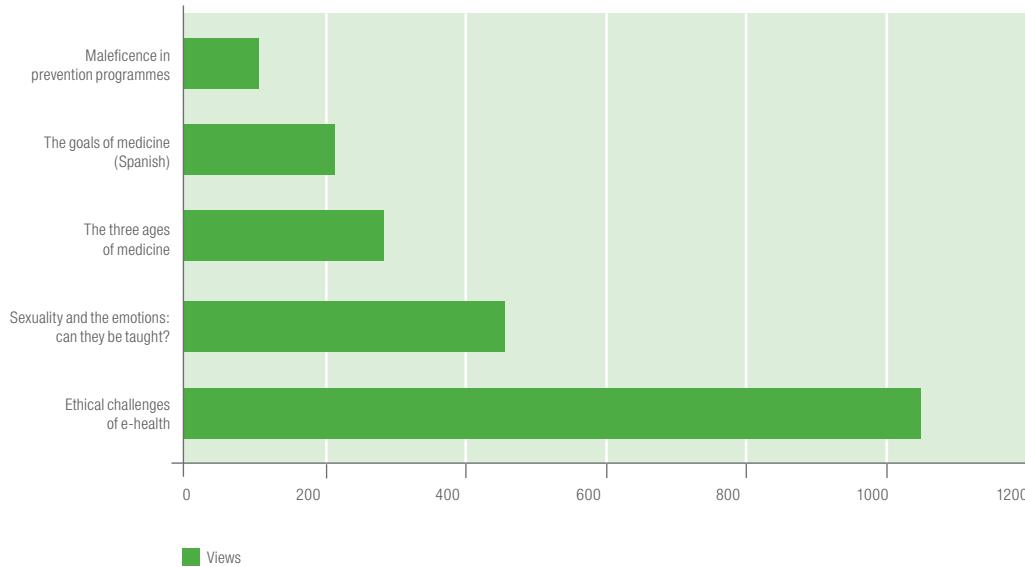
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Via the website, users can register for activities, and view and download publications. This year, the Foundation handled 600 requests for printed publications through its website. The most viewed monograph was *Ethical challenges of e-health* with 1072 views.

Most viewed publications



YouTube

This year the Foundation continued publishing videos in Spanish and English on [YouTube](#), including the presentation of the document "Sexuality and the emotions: can they be taught?" and video of the award ceremony.

Bionethics

The Foundation offers a specialist bioethics search engine, Bionethics, which indexes the websites of institutions, researchers, publications and other relevant resources. This year it recorded an average of 1914 visits per month.

www.bionethics.com

The Foundation online



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Balance Sheet

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Assets	2011	2010
Working Capital		
– Other Debtors		
– Sundry debtors	0	0
Treasury		
– Cash	201	16
– Banks and credit institutions, current accounts and sight deposits	89.148	84.328
Total Working Capital	89.349	84.344
Total Assets	89.349	84.344

Liabilities	2011	2010
Equity		
– Endowment fund	12.020	12.020
– Surplus from previous periods	9.530	9.174
– Surplus for the period	4.911	355
Total Equity	26.461	21.549
Short-term Creditors		
– Creditor beneficiaries	28.253	29.516
	28.253	29.516
Suppliers and Other Creditors		
– Debts for the purchase or provision of services	32.267	31.030
– Public bodies	2.368	2.249
	34.635	33.279
Total Short-term Creditors	62.888	62.794
Total Liabilities	89.349	84.344

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Profit and Loss Account

31 December 2011 and 2010 (In euros)

Expenses	2011	2010
Staff Expenses	0	0
Cash grants and other expenses	29.000	29.000
Other expenses		
–External services	145.851	220.387
–Taxes	238	258
Total expenses	175.089	249.645
Operating profit	4.911	355
Profit from ordinary activities	4.911	355
Positive surplus for period (profit)	4.911	355

Income	2011	2010
Foundation's income from activities		
–Income from promotions, sponsors and joint projects	180.000	250.000
Total operating income	180.000	250.000
Operating losses	---	---
Losses from ordinary activities	---	---
Negative surplus for period (loss)	---	---

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LA FINANCIACIÓN DEL SNS Desde distintos sectores están creciendo las voces que reclaman una reconsideración profunda del sistema sanitario tal como ha sido hasta ahora para garantizar su futuro y la viabilidad de sus prestaciones.

Más voces piden "priorizar" y nuevas vías de gestión

M. F. B. Dentro de la cobertura de prestaciones sanitarias y entre el paradero de qué, cómo y a quién se finanzió, se ha quedado la Administración sin saber lo que muchos percibimos como una gestión de los recursos más que mejorable: "Hay que diferenciar entre sostenibilidad y solvencia". El primero es el criterio que contiene más político, el segundo requiere tener capacidad para buscar recursos que nos permitan avanzar y salvar la situación que vivimos. Visiblemente, la situación no ha mejorado y tampoco se ha priorizado en materia de prestaciones, ni en materia de cobertura de las mismas.

actual déficit público del 14% por ciento con el que España figura cuarta".

Franco: "Que de este año se fije como objetivo este año el 6%, y al 3 en dos años, parece ser muy complicado".

Y añade: "La situación es delicada y exige elegir: o seguir avanzando según esos criterios de efectividad o tocar cráneo y no llegar al ciudadano en aquellos servicios que el sistema no pueda seguir cubriendo".

El mensaje en esta ocasión lo lanza Guadalupe Casasnovas, economista de Salud de la Universidad de Valencia, que en una jornada sobre uso de medicamentos celebrada la semana pasada en la Universidad de Alcalá de Henares (ver pág. 23), se sumó a la demanda de que se incluya el IAS en su servicio al sistema, ya que existe "una seria percepción ciudadana de *barrera libre*", y también a la idea de que esa priorización debe basarse en "criterios de coste-efectividad", como sostiene, "como el NICE británico, que permite trazar 'el límite' entre lo deseado y lo deseable". La efectividad está acompañada de una "priorización de colectivos" a los que deben destinarse las intervenciones (como por ejemplo, los polimedicados y los enfermos crónicos).

Sobre las políticas regionales de atención, critica que "todo lo que se ha hecho es cortar". La sanidad sanitaria tiene la ventaja de que permite mayor experiencia y aprendizaje de cara a poder extrapolarlo entre autonomías; pero la hoy implementación de la agenda de la salud no pasa por medidas más que subidas. Hay que optar por medidas más que subidas.



López-Gómez demanda más políticas de costo-efectividad

Fórmulas solventes. La propuesta del economista de la Saül Guillém López-Casasnovas de modificar la gestión de recursos y prestaciones en el sector económico ya ha sido objeto de un debate en el sector del que Ceaf se ha vendido recientemente. El jefe de la escuela ha sido elegido por 15 profesores universitarios y empresas para elaborar una propuesta que responda a la demanda de las autoridades y que no sea una simple "licitación [para] finalistas y revisar la cobertura asistencial" (ver Crónica 21-8-2011). Hay incluso expertos que, además de ahorrar en nuevas vías fórmulas de gestión, como "un mayor control del coste que tiene en el sector público sus conciertos con el privado", reabren debate sobre si será necesario "volver a los criterios del Informe Abril" (ver Crónica 21-8-2011). Otra perspectiva es la de Francisco García Román, presidente del Colegio Oficial de Ingenieros de Telecomunicación, que en una entrevista con Ceaf señaló que "si no se crean los servicios que garantizan el sistema será insostenible" (ver Crónica 21-8-2011).

Economía augura “nuevas y dolorosas” medidas

■ "Hoy no están en la agenda del Gobierno, pero se necesitarán para contener el gasto en fármacos"

agenda del Gobierno, añadió, "pero van a ser necesarias más medidas y el Gobierno aún tiene margen para aplicar medidas que repercutan en más ahorros para las arcas públicas en lo referente al precio de la gasolina".

Fernández, que es uno de los dos representantes del Ministerio de Economía en la comisión interministerial que fija los

precios de los medicamentos, señaló que, en su opinión, había que actuar más sobre el coste-eficacia de las terapias apoyándose en expertos. Añadió que, aunque ha

terapéutica. Como ha venido indicado, como Cataluña, Valencia, Andalucía (un proyecto de Madrid fue el primero en instaurar comisiones de evaluación) han establecido el coste-eficacia de los tratamientos, los avances tecnológicos y elaborado la selección de medicamentos tratando la gestión de los recursos sanitarios. Esas decisiones han sido llevadas a los consejos de competencias autonómicas, con elaboración de criterios de coste-eficacia. Cada vez son más las voces que reclaman un control estatal y coordinado acerca de la forma de confección de los gastos.

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“Urge un desarrollo legislativo de la objeción para el profesional sanitario”

Victoria Camps, catedrática de Filosofía Moral, expone que “el progreso científico debe ir ligado al progreso moral” y pide más formación e información al ciudadano

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La postura de Victoria Camps, catedrática de Filosofía Moral de la Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona (UAB), sobre la objeción de conciencia en Sanidad, dentro del terreno moral, hay que solucionar el conflicto entre el derecho del paciente a recibir una prestación y el del profesional sanitario a observar sus principios morales. La libertad ideológica y de conciencia es un derecho y requiere una legislación lo antes posible que a día de hoy no existe”.

Camps, que intervino la semana pasada en una jornada sobre ética de medicamentos en la Universidad de Alcalá de Henares (ver pág. 23), aborda con CF los avances científicos y legislativos acontecidos recien-

temente en el ámbito sanitario y lanza una máxima que, aunque parezca amplia, puede reducirse a casos actuales que afectan a día de hoy: “El progreso científico y el moral deben ir estrechamente ligados, algo que no siempre se consigue”.

CON DATOS EMPÍRICOS
Ve un ejemplo en el pasado a una libre de la *píldora del aborto*, que, además de reforzar la necesidad de abordar en la objeción, pide a Sanidad que “fundamentándose en datos empíricos, haga un análisis que revele si aquello que motivó ese cambio de criterio es cierto o no”. De hecho, las dudas sobre esta motivación volvieron a ser expresadas a principios de este mes por profesionales sanitarios

que reabrieron el debate sobre si todo lo que está autorizado debe ser dispensado, más aún si existe un conflicto profesional basado en criterios clínicos y científicos (ver CF del 10 de abril). La filósofa Victoria Camps, que defiende la actual Ley de Salud Sexual y Reproductiva (donde queda regulado el aborto), ante la que pide a Sanidad que “la intención de esta norma de informar y formar al ciudadano no se quede en una mera inten-

ción”. Y añade: “La educación sexual parte de la familia y de la formación escolar, pero hay otros agentes, pero hay otros agentes profesionales sanitarios... que tienen su particularidad. La legislación debe procurar que eso que queda plasmado tenga luego el desarrollo adecuado, ya que no basta sólo con que que se recogido”.

ASSEGUAR LA BUENA PRÁCTICA
Sobre el actual Proyecto de Ley de Ciudades Saludables, que actualmente se está desarrollando, cree que entre los aspectos clave que debe recoger está el “compaginación del derecho a la salud pública del paciente con la buena práctica médica”, aunque no oculta su percepción de que “muchos de estos aspectos que ahora se busca legislar ya quedan bien contemplados en la actual Ley de Autonomía del Paciente” y que lo que hará esta norma será insistir en ello.

“En este terreno, la sedación paliativa del enfermo terminal ha sido un progreso científico. Lo que hay que pedir a la ley es que responda a las distintas conflictos de derechos que puedan darse, que no sea redundante y ayude a concretar aspectos ya regulados”, concluye.



Victoria Camps es catedrática de Filosofía Moral de la UAB.

El TC dice que puede aplicarse la ley gallega de colegiación obligatoria

El Tribunal Constitucional ha decidido que la ley gallega de colegiación obligatoria para los profesionales sanitarios pueda aplicarse, sin perjuicio de que más adelante el tribunal decida sobre el recurso del Gobierno gallego de suspensión. El TC la había suspendido cautelarmente al aceptar el recurso, pero estimó ahora que no está acreditado el perjuicio que causaría su aplicación.

El Gobierno del Estado se opone porque la suspensión evitaría que se altere el “espíritu liberalizador” que emana de las normas europeas.

Consulte el auto del Tribunal Constitucional sobre la ley gallega de colegiación obligatoria en www.correofarmacologico.com

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ESTOMATOLOGÍA

Madrid contará con un hospital especializado en salud dental a partir de julio

■ Europa Press Madrid Madrid contará a partir del próximo mes de julio con un hospital especializado en odontología dental y de estética de cara y boca, una iniciativa impulsada por un grupo de médicos empresarios, en colaboración con la corporación Cidemsa, que cuenta con una inversión de 8 millones de euros y que ofrecerá a sus clientes durante 24 horas todos los días del año, atención dental para realizar intervenciones que requieren anestesia y atención psicológica contra el estrés.

El objetivo es ofrecer "un servicio especializado y con horarios flexibles a estos pacientes y otros, en el caso de encuentros públicos y privados para abordar de una forma distinta las intervenciones dentales y de estética facial", ha explicado el odontostomatólogo Felipe Aguado, uno de los promotores del proyecto.

"Las intervenciones dentales más complejas y anestéticas se realizan en las camillas de los hospitales generales. Nosotros realizaremos estas intervenciones en sillones dentales, desde donde se puede manejar la cabeza del paciente. Seremos una alternativa para los pacientes discapacitados o con enfermedades como síndrome de Down, que necesitan anestesia general".

Futuro
 Este hospital dental, que contará con un centro de radiología, seis quirófano, un laboratorio de prótesis y tres gabinetes para intervenciones genéricas y una sala de odontología, ofrecerá también "atención psicológica para eliminar la sensación de miedo que puede causar en algunos pacientes, como los niños, al dentista".

"Se trata de un concepto innovador que tiene que ser implantado por la Fundación Víctor Grífols i Lucas, en colaboración con el Observatorio de la Comunicación Científica de la Universidad Pompeu Fabra (UPF) que encabezan Vladimir Semir y Gema Revuelta".

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March

8 March

Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

13 March

5th Josep Egoscue Lectures.

May

31 May

Closing date for submission of entries for prizes and grants 2012.

June

15 June

Selection of Bioethics Prizes and Grants Jury 2012.

September

17 to 19 September

Seminar: Ethics and public health II. Case studies for training and education.

October

Foundation Award Ceremony.

Seminar on Alzheimer's disease.

December

Course organized by Menéndez y Pelayo International University Consortium, Ernest Lluch Center of Barcelona.

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