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Introduction
Throughout 2011 the Víctor Gríols 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.
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.
The Foundation
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.
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

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Surgeon and President of the Bioethics Committee of Catalonia

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Professor of Legal Philosophy at the Autonomous University of Barcelona
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 Grífols 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.
Activities
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 Maria 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.
Course: Economic crisis and the right to health: the use of medicines

The Pharmaceutical Care Foundation and the Víctor Gríols 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.
- Alberto Morell. Head of the Pharmacy Service at La Princesa University Hospital in Madrid.
- Ángel Pelayo Gonzalez-Torre. Professor of Legal Philosophy at the University of Cantabria.
- Olga Genilloud. Scientific Director of the Medina Foundation, Seville.
• Xavier Carné. Head of the Clinical Pharmacology Service of the Hospital Clinic 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.
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: Ethics and public health

On 22 and 23 September, the Spanish Society for Public Health and Health Administration (SESPAS) and the Víctor Gríols 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 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.
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”.

20th anniversary of the Bioethics Committee of Catalonia
Awards and Grants
Bioethics Award Ceremony

One of the objectives of the Víctor Gríols 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.
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 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*. 
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 Amat 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 Luis 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.
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 Egozcue 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.
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.
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 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.
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.
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
## Balance Sheet
31 December 2011 and 2010 (in euros)

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## Profit and Loss Account

31 December 2011 and 2010 (In euros)

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Press review
Un informe de la Fundación Grífols reclama a la escuela y la familia más papel en los turbulento años adolescentes

Síntomas en casa ante el debut sexual

Los dedos de los adolescentes. El informe sugiere que los padres estén presentes, atentos a las propuestas que las hijas pueden plantear con ellos, que expusieron estas tareas que ayudan a generar y que en su final a decir “no” o a decir nada.

Una jurista holandesa da a luz a su hija a los 63 años

Un informe de la Fundación Grífols señala que la educación sexual se ha adelantado en los últimos años y que es necesario que las escuelas y la familia estén más presentes.

Una mujer india que tuvo gemelos a los 70 años, recibe el premio de madre a mayor edad

El informe señala que la educación sexual se ha adelantado en los últimos años y que es necesario que las escuelas y la familia estén más presentes.
Más voces piden “priorizar” y nuevas vías de gestión

El director de la corporación farmacéutica autonómica de recetas generales de Madrid, Fernando Martín, afirmó recientemente que “hoy no están en la agenda del Gobierno, pero se necesitan para contener el gasto en farmacias”.

Economía augura “nuevas y dolorosas medidas”

Han sido varias las voces que han pedido a la SNS del Gobierno, no está en la agenda de la mayoría de los políticos, aunque sí en la que queda en manos del Ministerio de Sanidad. La situación actual es que, a pesar de la prescripción electrónica, las terapias y tratamientos que requieren un principio activo existente en el catálogo, no se pueden prescribir.

Fórmulas solventes, la propuesta de recomendaciones de la comunidad autónoma de Madrid, fue presentada el pasado mes de marzo para analizar la gestión de la prescripción electrónica. El objetivo es que se incluyan nuevas fórmulas, que se consideran necesarias porque aumentan la eficiencia en el consumo de medicamentos. Además, la propuesta busca reducir el número de prescripciones repetitivas y mejorar la calidad de los servicios sanitarios.

Evaluación terapéutica, otra de las propuestas de la comunidad autónoma, busca que se realicen estudios sobre el costo-efectividad de los tratamientos. La idea es que se evalúe la eficiencia de los diferentes tratamientos y se prioricen aquellos que proporcionan mejores resultados con un precio más bajo.

El subdirector general de Farmacia de la comunidad de Madrid, Fernando Martín, señaló que “hay que diferenciar entre una gestión de los recursos sanitarios que muchos perciben como una gestión de los recursos públicos, y otras perspectivas que son más políticas y que requieren una gestión más solidaria”.

El mensaje en esta ocasión es que la situación actual es crítica y que se requiere una gestión más eficaz para contener el gasto en farmacias.

Otro aspecto que ha sido destacado es la necesidad de una mayor transparencia en la gestión de las recetas, ya que se ha detectado un alto porcentaje de prescripciones de tratamientos que no son los más adecuados.

Finalmente, se ha destacado la importancia de la coordinación entre las distintas administraciones sanitarias para garantizar un correcto funcionamiento del sistema farmacéutico.

Correo Farmacéutico, 18 April 2011

Press review

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**Castilla y León apuesta por el papel del farmacéutico en las residencias**

En el caso de la oficina de farmacia se está trabajando para lograr un verdadero “compromiso de intervención profesional” en este servicio a los mayores.

**SAPF (Sistema Autonómico de Planificación FarmaCéutica)**

El Sistema Autonómico de Planificación FarmaCéutica (SAPF) de la región está diseñado para mejorar la dispensación de medicamentos en residencias y centros de salud. Se basa en la participación activa de los farmacéuticos en el seguimiento y la prescripción de los medicamentos de los pacientes mayores. El SAPF busca la eficiencia y la efectividad en la prescripción y dispensación de medicamentos, promoviendo la farmacia comunitaria como modelo de atención farmacéutica.

**Botas castellanas y barcelonesas trabajan en seguridad alimentaria**

En el caso de Castilla y León, se celebró la semana pasada un acuerdo para mejorar la seguridad alimentaria. Se apostó por la participación de los farmacéuticos en la gestión de los productos alimentarios, atendiendo a los riesgos y alertas relacionados. La Agencia Española de Seguridad Alimentaria trabajó en colaboración con el Consejo General de Farmacéuticos para facilitar la coordinación en el seguimiento de los alimentos, especialmente en las residencias y centros de salud.

**Diplomado de Farmacia**

Se informa sobre la celebración de un diplomado de Farmacia dirigido a farmacéuticos y profesionales de la salud. El objetivo es formar a los participantes en el manejo y dispensación de medicamentos, así como en la educación del paciente. El diplomado se celebra en la Universidad de Alcalá de Henares desde el 18 al 24 de abril de 2011.

**Crisis económica**

La situación de la economía actual ha impactado en la industria farmacéutica, con una disminución del mercado de los medicamentos. El objetivo es analizar los desafíos actuales y señalar el camino hacia futuras estrategias. La reunión se llevará a cabo en el mes de mayo en una ciudad.}

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La imagen contiene un texto sobre la participación de los farmacéuticos en la atención a los mayores, con especial énfasis en la dispensación de medicamentos en residencias. Se menciona la importancia del papel del farmacéutico en la atención de los pacientes mayores, destacando la necesidad de mejorar la seguridad alimentaria. Se informa sobre la celebración de un diplomado de Farmacia y la situación actual de la economía en el sector farmacéutico. El documento sirve para proporcionar una visión actualizada del estado del sector farmacéutico y la importancia del papel del farmacéutico en la atención a los mayores y la seguridad alimentaria.
Una comunidad virtual facilita la interconsulta AP-hospital

El Instituto Catalán de la Salud (ICS) ha puesto en marcha una comunidad virtual que permite la comunicación directa entre los profesionales de atención primaria y los especialistas. El objetivo es mejorar el sistema de derivación y reducir los desplazamientos de los pacientes a los hospitales.

Despliegue del proyecto

Futuro del proyecto

La comunidad virtual pretende ser también un foro de定了科学.

INVESTIGACIÓN

Los foros de pacientes en internet, utiles para los médicos

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Las comunidades de pacientes en internet, aunque aún en su etapa de desarrollo, pueden ser un valioso recurso para los médicos. A través de estos foros, se pueden obtener noticias, experiencias, guías de práctica clínica y artículos científicos, entre otros recursos.

Diseño y desarrollo

El proyecto es un proyecto piloto que se realizará en el ICS durante el próximo mes de julio. Se espera que el proyecto se extienda en el futuro a otros hospitales y a la interconsulta AP-hospital.

Participación y comunicación

La comunidad virtual permitirá que los médicos y enfermeras participen en el desarrollo de la misma, facilitando la comunicación directa entre ellos.

Efectos de la interconsulta

La interconsulta tiene como objetivo mejorar la atención a los pacientes, reduciendo los desplazamientos y aumentando la eficiencia del sistema sanitario.

Conclusión

La comunidad virtual de apariencia de posibles efectos sobre las principales patologías y estado nutricional, permite la comunicación directa entre los profesionales de atención primaria y los especialistas. Los resultados permitirán disminuir el deterioro de la consulta externa, así como reducir el uso de los servicios de asistencia sanitaria.
March
8 March
Meeting of the Board of Trustees.
13 March
5th Josep Egozcue 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.