Lessons from the Design and Implementation of a Pediatric Critical Care and Emergency Medicine Training Program in a Low Resource Country The South American Experience

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OBJECTIVES

- Define the importance of an Integrated Model of Care that incorporates Pediatric Palliative Care (PPC) and a human rights-centered approach into the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU)
- Identify opportunities to implement palliative care in different stages of illness

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Describe a model of continuous medical education that increases the number of professionals competent in the integrated care of critically ill children in low resource environments

Grunauer MA, et al. Journal of Pediatric Intensive Care, 2016

INTRODUCTION

Why do we prolong the survival of critically ill patients?

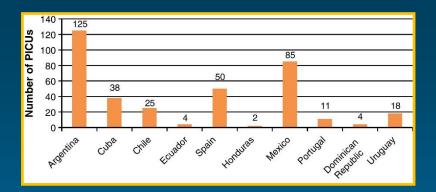


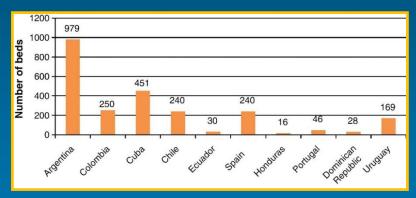
- Children's rights
- Health equity
- Social justice

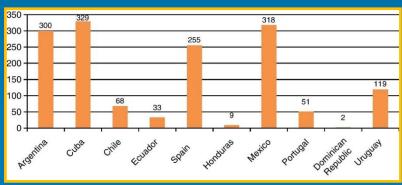
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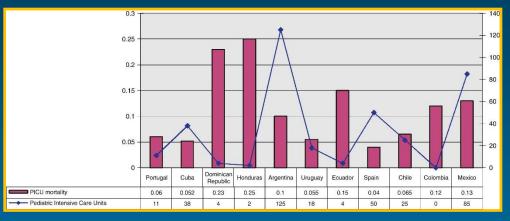
- 6.3 million children died in 2013, mostly in developing countries
- Only about 10-20% of these children were ever referred to a hospital and about 30-50% of them died the first day of hospitalization due to:
 - -Lack of specialists
 - -Insufficient infrastructure
 - -Socioeconomic factors

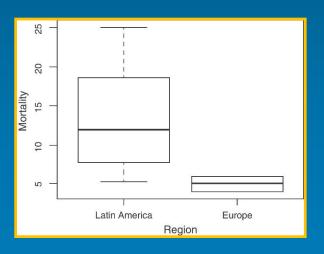
PICUs in Latin America vs. Europe











Campos-Miño, et al. Medicina Intensiva, 2012; 36:3-10



PICU-Hospital de los Valles





Family-Centered Model of Care

- Shared decision-making model
- Multidisciplinary meetings that involve the family
- Consistency in communication and interculturality
- Honesty
- Presence of the family during rounds and CPR
- Flexible and constant visits
- Support for the family before, during, and after the patient's discharge or death



QUALITY OF LIFE!

Integrated Model of Care

Critical Care + Palliative medicine with a focus on human rights

"The term palliative care is often perceived by some of my colleagues and by some parents as synonymous with giving up hope or working with the death squad—and with death itself."

"What they can't understand is that it is clear that applying palliative care really leads to children living longer and better."

Dr Stefan Friedrichsdorf



MYTHS ABOUT PALLIATIVE CARE IN THE PICU

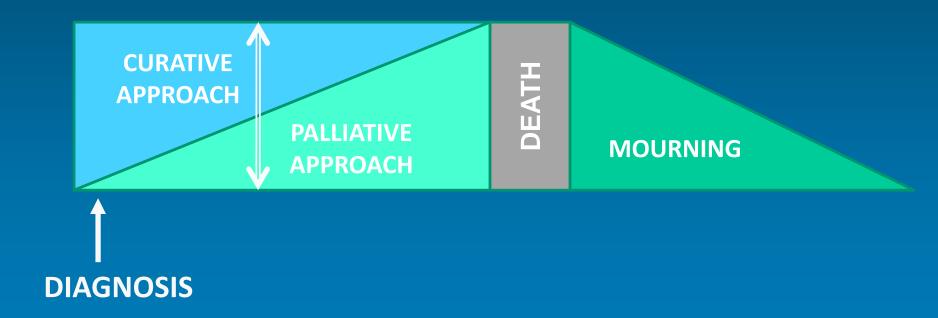
- Myth #1: A child must have a terminal illness or be at the end of their life to receive palliative care
- Myth #2: Palliative care = giving up hope
- Myth #3: A child should have a DNR in order to receive palliative care
- Myth #4: PPC is only applicable for children with cancer
- Myth #5: In order to provide PPC, you must also abandon all of the disease-directed treatment

PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE



- Pediatric palliative care prevents, identifies, and treats the suffering of children with serious illnesses as well as that of their families and the teams that care for them
- Pediatric palliative care is appropriate in whatever stage of the disease, and it can be applied in conjunction with treatment directed at curing the disease

PPC is initiated when the life-threatening disease has been diagnosed and continues whether or not the child receives curative treatment



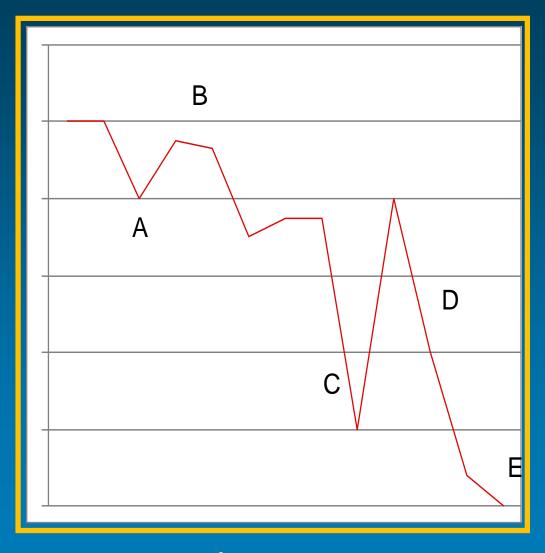
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- UNDHR/CRC: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 39, 42.

The United Nations (1989). Convention on the Rights of the Child



PREDICTABLE OPPORTUNITIES TO INITIATE PALLIATIVE CARE TASKS IN THE PICU



State of health/Function over time

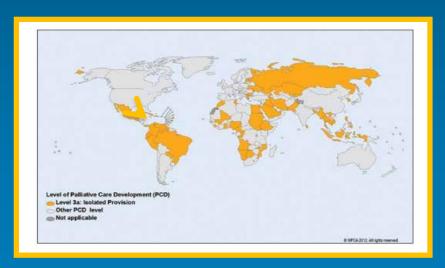
POINT F: RECOVERY



Maximizing recovery and optimizing function Monitoring and managing late effects

ECUADOR: CURRENT STATE OF PALLIATIVE CARE

- According to the Worldwide Palliative Care Alliance:
 - Ecuador's Palliative Medicine Development Ranking:
 - 3a
 Countries with limited provision of palliative care



Worldwide Palliative Care Alliance, Global Atlas of Palliative Care at the End of Life, available online: http://www.who.int/nmh/Global Atlas of Palliative Care.pdf (ingreso: Septiembre, 2016)

Paediatric Palliative Screening Scale (PaPaS Scale): applications in the PICU

Eva Bergstraesser; Richard D Hain; José L Pereira BMC Palliative Care 2013, 12:20.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- Implement the PaPaS scale in a pediatric patient population in HDLV's PICU
- Determine the functionality of the scale in this population
- Demonstrate the validity of the PaPaS scale to predict which patients should receive PPC
- Discover associations between PaPaS scores with morbidity and mortality

DIAGNOSES UPON ADMISSION 2011-2015

Diagnosis (%)	Total	
	n=510	
Respiratory infections	103 (20%)	
Trauma	67 (13%)	
Congenital abnormalities	99 (19%)	
CNS diseases	107 (21%)	
Cardiac diseases	35 (7%)	
Sepsis	25 (5%)	
Others	74 (15%)	

Grunauer MA; Cordero A. 2011-2015, manuscript under review

DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES 2011-2015

	Total	PaPaS <25	PaPaS ≥25	P-value
	n=511	n=372	n=139	
Age (years and SD)	5.3 ± 4.9	5.4 ± 4.9	5.1 ± 4.8	0.014
Male sex (%)	266 (52%)	205 (55%)	61 (44%)	
Race: mestizo(%)	432 (85%)	332 (89%)	100 (72%)	
Days hospitalized (average and SD)	13.2 ± 13.8	12 ± 11.7	16 ± 18	0.0001

Mortality: 4.8 %

PaPaS: 23.4 ± 2.9

Grunauer MA; Cordero A. 2011-2015, manuscipt under revision

THE INTEGRATED MODEL OF CARE "LAUDE" IN PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY AND CRITICAL CARE

Team Training

Pediatric Intensive Care & Palliative Medicine



All children are admitted to the Program:
"INTEGRATED MODEL OF CARE"
irrespective of their prognoses

Grunauer MA, et al. Journal of Pediatric Intensive Care, 2016



IMPLEMENTATION:

- -Innovation for Humanity Program
- -Johns Hopkins University
- -Universidad San Francisco de Quito
- -Hospital de los Valles



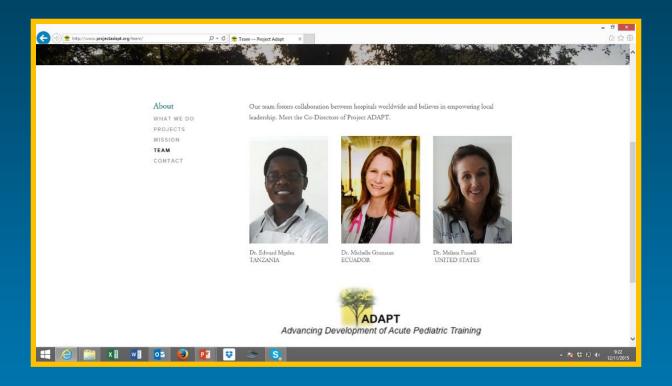
GOAL:

Development of Units of Excellence in Pediatric Intensive Care with an Integrated Model of Care

GOAL: CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL CAPACITY

Provide "the best evidence-based, most cost-effective medicine focused on the conservation of resources in a socially responsible way."

GENERATION OF THE LAUDE PROGRAM IN PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY AND CRITICAL CARE



Discard the concept of universality

Grunauer MA, et al. Pediatric Critical Care Medicine, 2014; 15:4 (144)

http://www.projectadapt.org/

THE LAUDE PROGRAM IN PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY AND CRITICAL CARE

Advanced Resuscitation Shock **Heart failure Arrhythmias** Myocarditis, cardiomyopathy **Congenital Cardiac Malformations Cardiac tamponade** Postoperative care for cardiac surgery Trauma Withdrawal of life support **Brain death** Sedation and anesthetic management Pain as the fifth vital sign





THE LAUDE PROGRAM IN PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY AND CRITICAL CARE



Obstructive pulmonary symptoms, asthma, bronchiolitis, respiratory infection

Shock, multiorgan failure

Severe malnutrition

Disasters

Diabetic Ketoacidosis

Sharing bad news-communication

Research methodology

Ethics, law

Family-Centered Model of Care

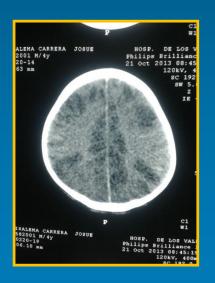


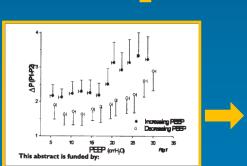
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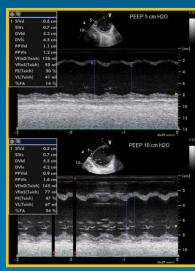










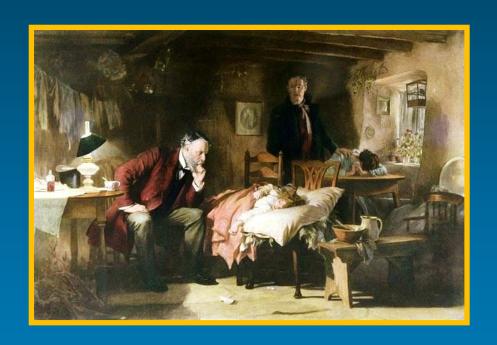


Grunauer MA; Amato MBP; Barbas CSV; et al. American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine 1997; 155 Grunauer MA; Fabara E; et al Pediatric Critical Care Medicine 2014; 15 (Suppl): p119

THE LAUDE PROGRAM IN PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY AND CRITICAL CARE LESSONS LEARNED

- In 2 years, we trained 3 hospitals and 30 doctors in Quito
- Scholarly products
- The mortality rate from the first evaluated center lowered from 7.6% to 5%
- Duration of the program
- Cost \$150,000-250,000 USD (Volunteer model: \$40,000 USD)

THE LAUDE PROGRAM IN PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY AND CRITICAL CARE LESSONS LEARNED



How can we maintain the quality, sustainability and the impact of this program?

THE LAUDE PROGRAM IN PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY AND CRITICAL CARE COMPONENTS







APLS + Integrated Model of Care

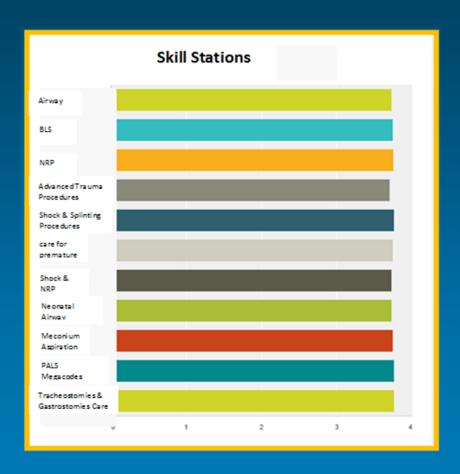


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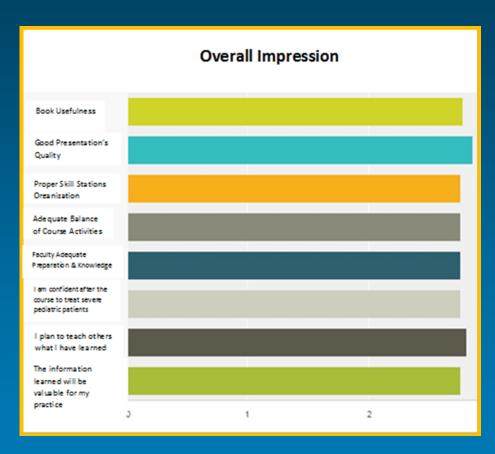








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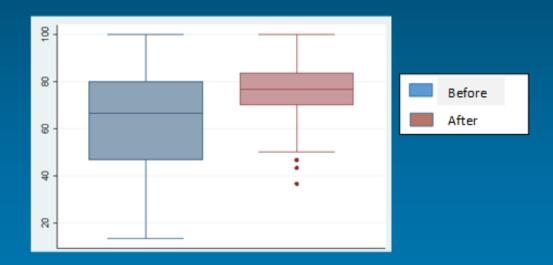




APLS Team

PROGRAM IN PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY AND CRITICAL CARE —APLS COMPONENT

Differences in pre and post test scores before and after APLS training



N (169) 75.5 post-APLS versus 64.8 pre-APLS (p<0.0001)



APPLIED PROJECT IN THE HOSPITAL GINECO OBSTÉTRICO ISIDRO AYORA – PEDIATRIC ASSESSMENT TRIANGLE AND NRP





CHANGE IN HEALTH POLICIY-SUBCENTRO DE SALUD AMAGUAÑA





IMPLEMENTATION OF CODE BLUE IN THE PEDIATRIC AREA OF THE HOSPITAL SAN FRANCISCO DE QUITO



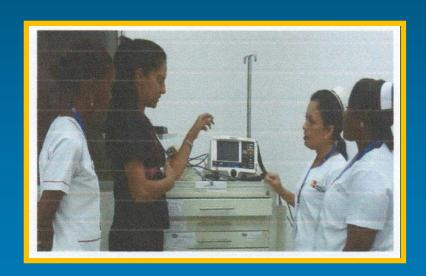


ALGORITHM FOR PEDIATRIC RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS MOST COMMONLY SEEN IN TYPE A HEALTH CENTERS





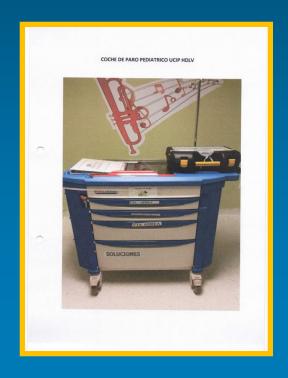
TYPE C OPERATIVE UNIT OF SAN RAFAEL: IMPLEMENTATION OF ADVANCED PEDIATRIC LIFE SUPPORT ALGORITHMS



Training TEAMS instead of individual training was highly successful

IMPLEMENTATION OF CODE BLUE RESPONSE IN THE HOSPITAL DE LOS VALLES





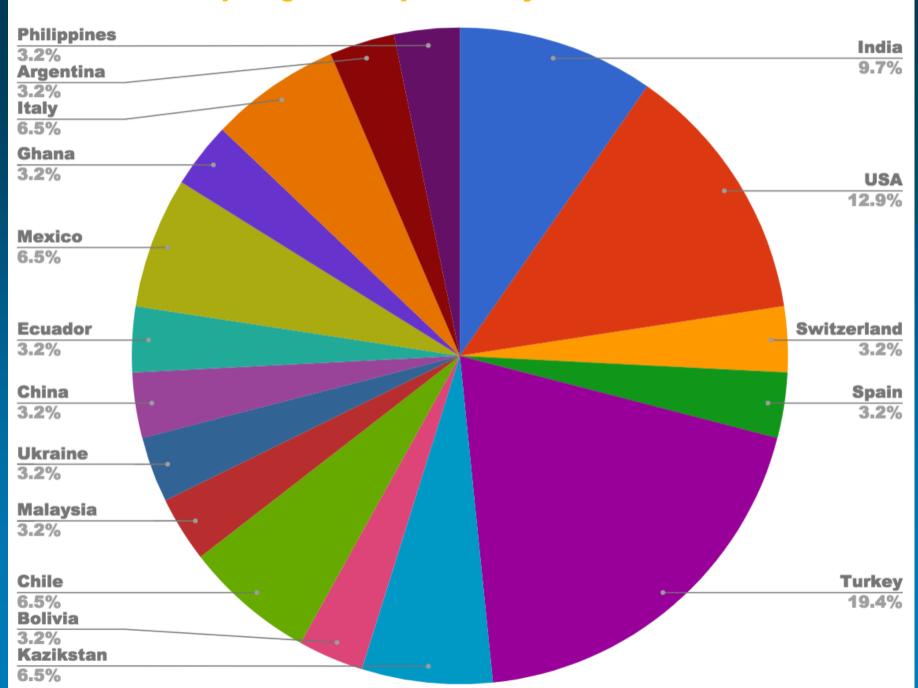


PROGRAM IN PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CRITICAL CARE APLS COMPONENT



180 PROFESSIONALS In 20 provinces TRAINED in 12 MONTHS

Number of Participating Centers per Country



SUMMARY

- Ecuador can establish a Model of Integrated Care for critically ill children.
- This program is aimed at providers with no formal training in PCC and who, nonetheless, care for severely ill children.
- This program resulted in stronger, more cohesive PICU teams with improved resuscitation times and coordination during simulation rounds.
- Hospitals that implemented the program had a decrease in mortality rates.

Thank you!



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