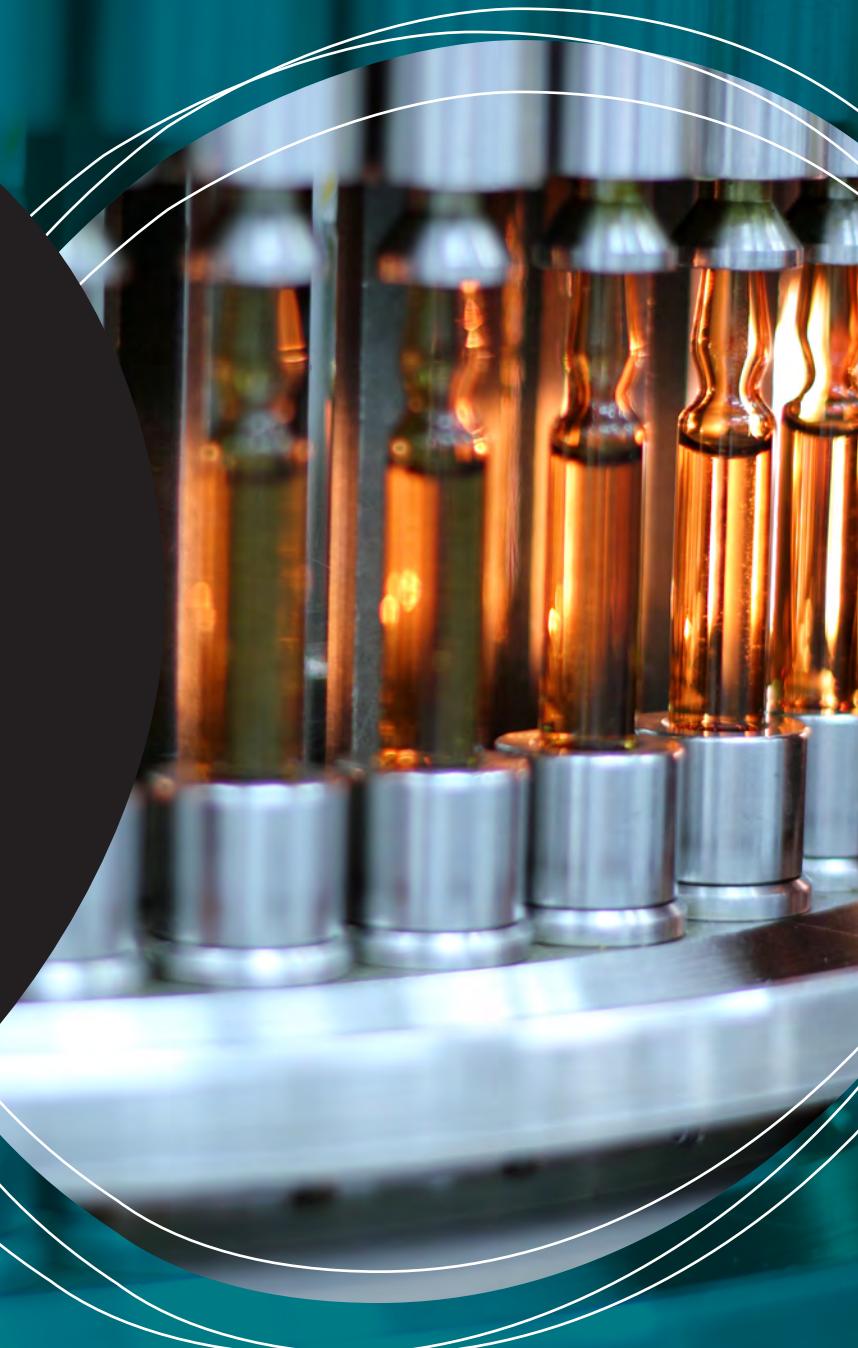


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Organization



Introduction

The Centro de Investigación Biomédica en Red de Epidemiología y Salud Pública (CIBER in the area of Epidemiology and Public health), CIBERESP, is a national public consortium which reports to the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness through Instituto de Salud Carlos III (ISCIII) of which it is a source of instrumental means and technical service in matters constituting its purposes. The mission of CIBERESP is to promote, conduct and transfer large-scale scientific research in the pertinent field to society for health enhancement and protection.

CIBERESP is a legal entity with private equity (Law 30/1992) having the following specific purposes:

- Conducting joint programmes for research, development and innovation in the line of Epidemiology and Public Health.
- Contributing to solving healthcare problems relating to said area.
- Promoting participation in national research activities and particularly activities included in the European Framework Programmes for R+D+I.
- Promoting the transfer of results derived from the research processes to society and particularly to the production sector.
- Promoting dissemination of its activities and training of competitive investigators in the field of Epidemiology and Public Health.

The creation process starts with the official publication of the regulatory framework (Ministerial Order SCO/806/2006) and of the relevant call for proposal (ISCIII Resolution, March 30, 2006), encompassed in the framework of the Ingenio 2010 Initiative, CONSOLIDER Programme. However, the Consortium has its roots in the earlier call for proposal (2002) with the creation of different group networks including some that particularly stand out, namely, Childhood and the Environment (INMA) Group Network, Epidemiology and Public Health Centre (RCESP) network, Group Network for Research in Healthcare Services (IRYSS) and Network for Evidence-based Medicine (EBM).

The Consortium was formed on December 29, 2006 by signing the collaboration agreement for its creation (Official State Journal, February 22, 2011) between Instituto de Salud Carlos III, the Consejo Superior de Investigación Científica, certain research centres from the Autonomous Communities of Andalusia, Catalonia, Valencia, Galicia, Madrid, Region of Murcia, Chartered Community of Navarre and the Basque Country, and other centres or institutions that are not affiliated with the Public Administrations and the approval of its Bylaws, which were amended in 2010 (Official State Journal, February 22, 2011). Said amendment was fully in force in 2011.

2013 was characterized by a collection of management and scientific initiatives intended for consolidating this new reality. Some of the activities conducted during the year that stand out are:

- 2011-2014 Strategic Plan Follow-up.
- 2013 Action Plan Execution.
- Research Subprogramme Consolidation.
- Execution of actions provided in the Training Plan.
- Obtaining both public and private external funding for CIBERESP activities and projects.
- Development of communication and dissemination activities (Newsletter, dissemination through the web, etc.).

The annual evaluation conducted in 2011 by the ISCIII Technical Evaluation Commission gave an excellent assessment of the Consortium as a result of the effort and the capacity of the research groups making up the Consortium. Said research groups are formed by a critical mass of professionals that are highly knowledgeable in epidemiology and public health. The recommendations of said Commission have been incorporated in the 2013 Multiannual Plan and 2013 Annual Plan and they include, most particularly, i) launching new collaborative initiatives involving the highest possible number of groups in the long term; ii) maximizing the international impacts of original articles published by CIBERESP to enhance its presence and leadership; iii) fomenting leadership in international projects; iv) continuing with a governance policy that grants autonomy and responsibility to programme coordinators.



Lists of the Groups and Consortium Institutions

CIBERESP is a national research centre currently formed by 32 different institutions representing 48 research groups in Epidemiology and Public Health making up the CIBER. Its territorial implementation covers 9 Autonomous Communities and different types of centres: research centres (32%), universities (32%), healthcare centres (18%), public administrations (15%), and schools of public health (3%).

The list of CIBERESP groups in the fiscal year 2013 is attached below.

Lists of the Groups and Institutions

GROUP	LEAD RESEARCHER	INSTITUTION
01	Domínguez García, Angela	UNIVERSIDAD DE BARCELONA
02	Moya Simarro, Andrés	UNIVERSIDAD DE VALENCIA
03	Borrell Thió, Carme	AGENCIA DE SALUD PÚBLICA DE BARCELONA
04	Calderón Sandubete, Enrique José	FUNDACIÓN PÚBLICA ANDALUZA PARA LA GESTIÓN DE LA INVESTIGACIÓN EN SALUD DE SEVILLA
05	Rodríguez Farré, Eduardo	CONSEJO SUPERIOR DE INVESTIGACIONES CIENTÍFICAS
06	Bolumar Montrull, Francisco	UNIVERSIDAD DE ALCALÁ
07	López-Abente Ortega, Gonzalo	INSTITUTO DE SALUD CARLOS III
08	Ferreira González, Ignacio	FUNDACIÓN INSTITUT DE RECERCA HOSPITAL UNIVERSITARIO VALLE DE HEBRÓN
09	Alonso Caballero, Jordi	CONSORCIO MAR PARC DE SALUT DE BARCELONA (PSMAR)
11	Castilla Catalán, Jesús	INSTITUTO DE SALUD PÚBLICA DE NAVARRA
12	Cayla Buqueras, Juan Arturo	AGENCIA DE SALUD PÚBLICA DE BARCELONA
13	Echevarría Mayo, Juan Emilio	INSTITUTO DE SALUD CARLOS III
14	Gestal Otero, Juan Jesús	UNIVERSIDAD DE SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA
15	Espallargues Carreras, Mireia	AGENCIA DE INFORMACIÓN, EVALUACIÓN Y CALIDAD EN SALUD
16	Delgado Rodríguez, Miguel	UNIVERSIDAD DE JAÉN
17	Morales Suárez-Varela, Mª Manuela del Mar	UNIVERSIDAD DE VALENCIA
18	López Medina, María José	AGENCIA DE SALUD PÚBLICA DE BARCELONA
19	Olea Serrano, Nicolás	FUNDACIÓN INV. BIOSANITARIA EN ANDALUCÍA ORIENTAL (FIBAO)

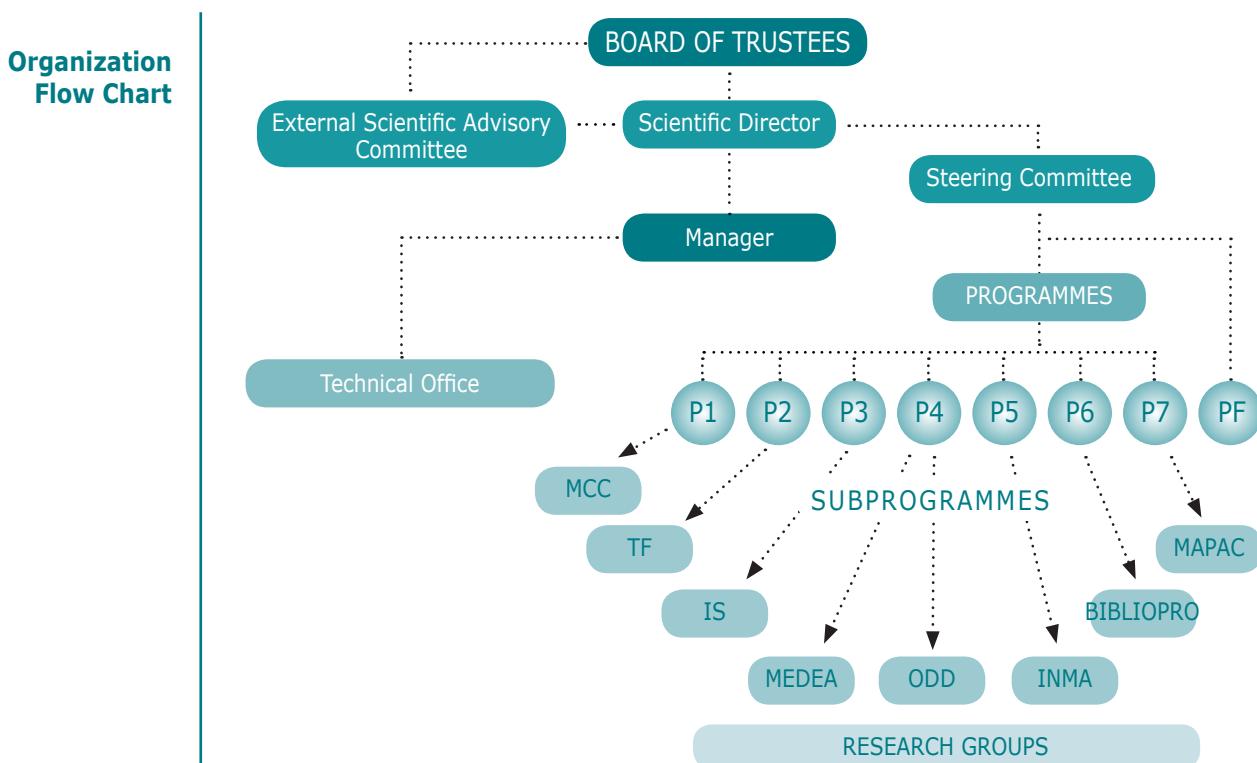
GROUP	LEAD RESEARCHER	INSTITUTION
20	Marcos Dauder, Ricardo	UNIVERSIDAD AUTÓNOMA DE BARCELONA
21	De la Fuente de Hoz, Luis	INSTITUTO DE SALUD CARLOS III
22	Estivill Palleja, Xavier	FUNDACIÓN CENTRO DE REGULACIÓN GENOMICA
23	Gómez de la Cámara, Agustín	SERVICIO MADRILEÑO DE SALUD
24	Navarro Sánchez, Carmen	FUNDACIÓN PARA LA FORMACIÓN E INVESTIGACIÓN SANITARIAS
25	Rodríguez Artalejo, Fernando	UNIVERSIDAD AUTÓNOMA DE MADRID
26	Hernández Aguado, Ildefonso	UNIVERSIDAD MIGUEL HERNÁNDEZ
27	Casabona Barbarà, Jordi	FUNDACIÓN INSTITUTO DE INVESTIGACIÓN GERMANS TRIAS Y PUJOL
28	Dorronsoro Iraeta, Mirem	ASOCIACIÓN INSTITUTO BIODONOSTIA
29	Menéndez Santos, Clara	HOSPITAL CLÍNICO Y PROVINCIAL DE BARCELONA
30	Schröder, Helmut	CONSORCIO MAR PARC DE SALUT DE BARCELONA (PSMAR)
32	De Mateo Ontañón, Salvador	INSTITUTO DE SALUD CARLOS III
33	Baquero Mochales, Fernando	SERVICIO MADRILEÑO DE SALUD
34	Sánchez Pérez, María José	ESCUELA ANDALUZA DE SALUD PÚBLICA
35	Porta Serra, Miquel	CONSORCIO MAR PARC DE SALUT DE BARCELONA (PSMAR)
36	De Sanjosé Llongueras, Silvia	INSTITUTO CATALAN DE ONCOLOGÍA
38	Kogevinas, Emmanouil	CENTRO DE INVESTIGACIÓN EN EPIDEMIOLOGÍA AMBIENTAL (CREAL)
39	Emparanza Knorr, José Ignacio	ASOCIACIÓN INSTITUTO BIODONOSTIA
40	Sunyer Deu, Jordi	CENTRO DE INVESTIGACIÓN EN EPIDEMIOLOGÍA AMBIENTAL (CREAL)
41	Ballester Díez, Ferrán	CENTRO SUPERIOR DE INVESTIGACIÓN EN SALUD PÚBLICA (CSISP)
42	Abraira Santos, Víctor J.	SERVICIO MADRILEÑO DE SALUD
43	Bonfill Cosp, Xavier	INSTITUTO DE INVESTIGACIÓN SANTA CRUZ Y SAN PABLO
44	Bueno Cavanillas, Aurora	UNIVERSIDAD DE GRANADA
46	Daponte Codina, Antonio	ESCUELA ANDALUZA DE SALUD PÚBLICA
47	García Benavides, Fernando	UNIVERSIDAD POMPEU FABRA
50	Ruiz Pérez, Isabel	ESCUELA ANDALUZA DE SALUD PÚBLICA
51	Saez Zafra, Marc	UNIVERSIDAD DE GERONA
53	Tardón García, Adonina	UNIVERSIDAD DE OVIEDO
55	Moreno Aguado, Víctor	INSTITUTO CATALÁN DE ONCOLOGÍA
54 A*	Del Amo Valero, Julia	INSTITUTO DE SALUD CARLOS III

* Associated group



Organizational Governance and Management Structure

Figure 1 schematically shows the organizational structure of CIBERESP in 2013.



Governance Body

The Board of Trustees and Scientific Management are the Governance Body of CIBERESP. The Board of Trustees, the main governance body of the Consortium, is formed by three representatives from Instituto de Salud Carlos III and one institutional representative from each of the consortium entities. The Board is chaired by the Director of Instituto de Salud Carlos III with the participation of the CIBERESP Scientific Director and Manager with speaking but not voting privileges.

The Board of Trustees can meet as a plenary session or as a Permanent Commission chaired by the Assistant Director of Cooperative Research Centres and Networks, with the participation of four representatives from the consortium entities and the CIBERESP Scientific Director and Manager with speaking but not voting privileges.

The CIBERESP Board of Trustees met as a plenary session on two occasions, on June 12 and on December 16, as provided for in the Bylaws. Three Permanent Commission meetings were held throughout 2013.

Advisory Bodies

CIBERESP has two Advisory Bodies: the External Scientific Advisory Committee and the Steering Committee.

External Scientific Advisory Committee

This committee, a general scientific support and advisory body to the Board of Trustees, is formed by internationally renowned scientists in the field of health sciences who have distinguished themselves through their professional or scientific work in line with the objectives of the Consortium.

In December 2010, the Board of Trustees approved the current composition of the External Scientific Committee consisting of the following professionals:

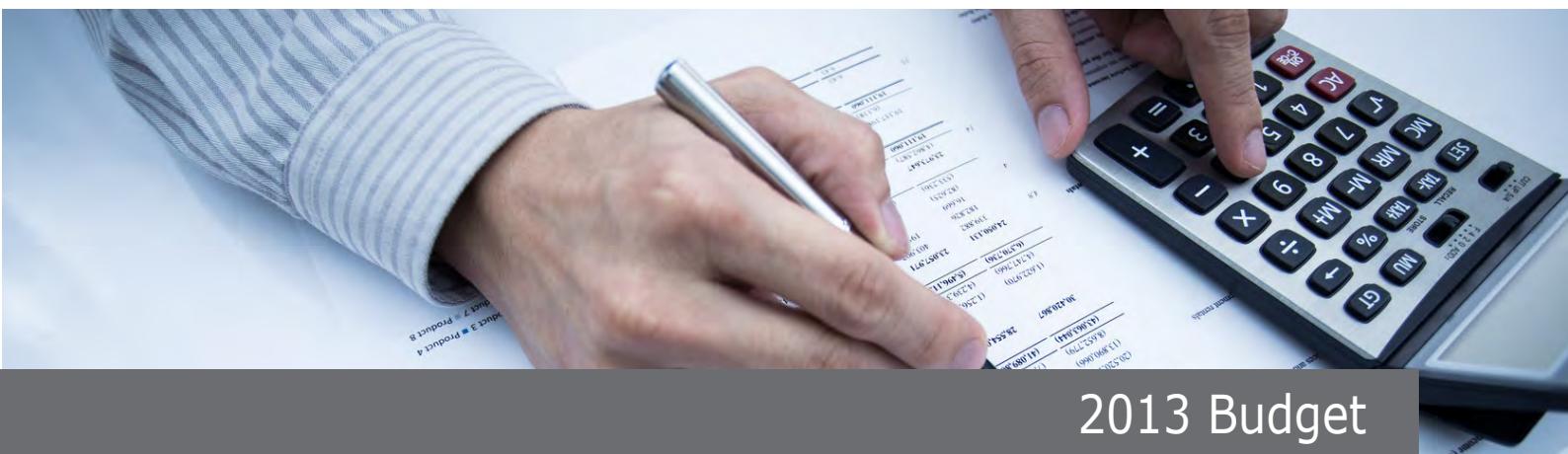
- Alejandro Jadad (Professor, ehealthorganization, Canada).- Committee Chairperson.
- Francisco Javier Nieto (Professor, University of Wisconsin, United States)
- Isabelle Romieu (Service Manager, IARC, Lyon)
- Ciro de Cuadros (Vice-chairperson, Sabin Vaccine Institute, Washington, United States)
- Naomar de Almeida Filho (Professor and former Chancellor, University of Bahía, Brazil)

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee is chaired by the Director Scientific and consists of the Assistant Director of CIBERESP, the coordinators of the seven research programmes, Training Programme coordinator and the Manager.

Name	Position	Programme	
Delgado Rodríguez, Miguel	Director Scientific		
Domínguez García, Ángela	Assistant Director		
Rodríguez Artalejo, Fernando	Programme Coordinator	P1	Epidemiology and prevention of chronic diseases
Caylà Buqueras, Joan Artur	Programme Coordinator	P2	Communicable disease surveillance, prevention and control
Casabona Barbarà, Jordi	Programme Coordinator	P3	Biological, Behavioral and Structural Determinants in the Contraction and Spread of Communicable Diseases in Vulnerable Populations (DAPET Programme)
Daponte Codina, Antonio	Programme Coordinator	P4	Social Determinants of Health
Tardón García, Adonina	Programme Coordinator	P5	Epidemiology and Prevention of Environmental and Occupational Diseases
Espallargues Carreras, Mireia	Programme Coordinator	P6	Health Service Evaluation
De la Cruz Bertolo, Javier	Programme Coordinator	P7	Clinical Epidemiology
García Benavides, Fernando	Training Coordinator	PF	Training Plan

Throughout 2013, the CIBERESP Steering Committee met on four occasions, alternating between face-to-face meetings and teleconferences. Each of these meetings has been put on official record indicating the agenda and resolutions adopted.



Type	Sub-type	Total
Research	Group	3.169.583,13
Research	Programmes	519.310,93
Training	Training	18.874,55
Coordination	Technical Office	510.080,73
Coordination	Scientific Management	6.307,56
Coordination	Framework Agreements Fee	76.306,97
Coordination	DEDIPAC, Group adjustments	30.000,00
SUBTOTAL FOR ISCIII GRANT/TRANSFER		4.330.463,87
Projects	Grants	275.086
Projects	Others: Service provision, collaborations, etc.	348.117
EXTERNAL FUNDING SUBTOTAL		623.203,00
TOTAL		4.953.666,87

CIBER-ESP Staff 2013

The average number of employees throughout the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013 is shown in the following table:

	Employees hired initially	Employees hired during the period	Employee redundancy during the period	Employees hired at the end	Ave. No. of disabled employees >= 33%	Ave. No. of employees Total
MANAGEMENT TECHNICIANS	3	13	16	0	0	9,280
001 - ID POST DOC INVESTIGATOR A1	9	0	11	0	0	9,880
002 - ID POST DOC INVESTIGATOR A2	5	0	5	0	0	4,669
003 - ID POST DOC INVESTIGATOR A3	4	1	5	0	0,573	3,573
023 - ID POST DOC INVEST A4	2	1	3	0	0	1,124
005 - TI TECHNICAL INVESTIGATOR B1	18	1	18	0	0	13,921
006 - TI TECHNICAL INVESTIGATOR B2	8	0	8	0	0	6,218
007 - TI TECHNICAL INVESTIGATOR B3	11	0	11	0	0	8,757
008 - TI TECHNICAL INVESTIGATOR B4	7	0	7	0	0	4,271
009 - TA RESEARCH SUPP. TECH. C1	5	0	5	0	0	4,366
010 - TA RESEARCH SUPP. TECH. C2	5	0	5	0	0	3,941
011 - TA RESEARCH SUPP. TECH. C3	4	0	4	0	0	3,126
012 - TA RESEARCH SUPP. TECH. C4	1	0	1	0	0	1,000
013 - PS SUPPORT STAFF D1	3	0	3	0	0	2,060
035 - PS SUPPORT STAFF D4	1	0	1	0	0	1,000
Undertaking Total	86	16	103	0	0,573	77,186



Scientific Production

Scientific Production Analysis

Scientific production is an essential indicator for rating the degree of excellence and development of new certified knowledge generation. Measuring scientific production using bibliometric indicators allows describing the impact of the knowledge derived from R+D+I activities, characterizing investigator patterns and profiles and promoting a favorable social image which justifies the return of the investment in science and technology to society in general.

In this report, first generation quantitative relative indicators are applied to CIBERESP scientific production, measured through the number of publications which are included in the Web of Science (WoS) throughout 2013 and involve the participation of 48 active CIBERESP research groups at the end of fiscal year 2013.

Productivity evolution over time

The total volume of scientific communications accumulated by CIBERESP research groups and computed in 2013 were taken into account to obtain the indicators.

Number of publications and Accumulated Impact Factor 2013	
Indicator	2013
Publications	905
IntraCIBERESP	469
IntraCIBERESP 1Q	175

Accumulated Publications of CIBERESP Research Groups 2013	
Indicator	2013
Publications	1.204
First decile	389
First quartile	397
Remaining quartiles	418
IntraCIBERESP Collaborative Publications	469

**Productivity
Distribution of
CIBERESP
Research Groups**

GROUP	PI	ENTITY	Total
G. 01	Domínguez García, Angela	Universidad de Barcelona	33
G. 02	Moya Simarro, Andrés	Universidad de Valencia	19
G. 03	Borrell Thió, Carme	Agència de Salut Pública de Barcelona	57
G. 04	Calderón Sandubete, Enrique J.	Fundación Pública Andaluza para la Gestión de la Investigación en Salud en Sevilla	5
G. 05	Rodríguez Farré, Eduard	Agencia Estatal Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas	3
G. 06	Bolumar Montrull, Francisco	Universidad de Alcalá	15
G. 07	López-Abente Ortega, Gonzalo	Instituto de Salud Carlos III	27
G. 08	Ferreira González, Ignacio	Fundación Hospital Universitario Vall d'Hebron - Institut de Recerca (Vhir)	6
G. 09	Alonso Caballero, Jordi	Consorti Mar Parc Salut de Barcelona	39
G. 11	Castilla Catalán, Jesús	Instituto de Salud Pública de Navarra	86
G. 12	Cayla Buqueras, Joan Artur	Agència de Salut Pública de Barcelona	24
G. 13	Echevarría Mayo, Juan Emilio	Instituto de Salud Carlos III	7
G. 14	Gestal Otero, Juan Jesús	Universidad de Santiago de Compostela	9
G. 15	Espallargues Carreras, Mireia	Agència d'Informació, Avaluació i Qualitat en Salut	5
G. 16	Delgado Rodríguez, Miguel	Universidad de Jaén	27
G. 17	Morales Suárez-Varela, Mª Manuela	Universidad de Valencia	24
G. 18	López Medina, María José	Agència de Salut Pública de Barcelona	16
G. 19	Olea Serrano, Nicolás	Fundación para la Investigación Biosanitaria en Andalucía Oriental (FIBAO)	26
G. 20	Marcos Dauder, Ricardo	Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona	11
G. 21	De La Fuente de Hoz, Luis	Instituto de Salud Carlos III	27
G. 22	Estivill Pallejà, Xavier	Fundació Privada Centre de Regulació Genòmica (CRG)	21
G. 23	Gómez de La Camara, Agustín	Hospital Universitario 12 de Octubre	17
G. 24	Navarro Sánchez, Carmen	Fundación para la Formación e Investigación Sanitarias de la Región de Murcia	38
G. 25	Rodríguez Artalejo, Fernando	Universidad Autónoma de Madrid	21
G. 26	Hernández Aguado, Ildefonso	Universidad Miguel Hernández	4
G. 27	Casabona Barbarà, Jordi	Fundació Institut d'Investigació en Ciències de la Salut Germans Trias i Pujol	11
G. 28	Dorronsoro Iraeta, Miren	Asociación Instituto Biodonostia	46
G. 29	Menéndez Santos, Clara	Hospital Clínic i Provincial de Barcelona	49
G. 30	Schröder, Helmut	Consorti Mar Parc Salut de Barcelona	16
G. 32	De Mateo Ontañón, Salvador	Instituto de Salud Carlos III	5
G. 33	Baquero Mochales, Fernando	Hospital Universitario Ramón y Cajal	27
G. 34	Sánchez Pérez, María José	Escuela Andaluza de Salud Pública	77
G. 35	Porta Serra, Miquel	Consortio Mar Parc de Salut de Barcelona	14
G. 36	De Sanjosé Llongueras, Silvia	Institut Català d'Oncologia (ICO)	28
G. 38	Kogevinas, Emmanouil	Centre de Recerca en Epidemiología Ambiental (CREAL)	66
G. 39	Emparanza Knörr, José Ignacio	Asociación Instituto Biodonostia	7
G. 40	Sunyer Deu, Jordi	Centre de Recerca en Epidemiología Ambiental (CREAL)	55

GROUP	PI	ENTITY	Total
G. 41	Ballester Díez, Ferrán	Fundación para la Investigación Sanitaria y Biomédica de la Comunidad Valenciana (FISABIO)	43
G. 42	Abraira Santos, Víctor J	Hospital Ramón y Cajal	18
G. 43	Bonfill Cosp, Xavier	Fundación Instituto de Investigación Hospital de la Santa Cruz y San Pablo	38
G. 44	Bueno Cavanillas, Aurora	Universidad de Granada	44
G. 46	Daponte Codina, Antonio	Escuela Andaluza de Salud Pública	14
G. 47	García Benavides, Fernando	Universitat Pompeu Fabra	28
G. 50	Ruiz Pérez, Isabel	Escuela Andaluza de Salud Pública	24
G. 51	Saez Zafra, Marc	Universitat de Girona	18
G. 53	Tardón García, Adonina	Universidad de Oviedo	24
G. 55	Moreno Aguado, Víctor	Institut Català d'Oncologia (ICO)	11
Total			1204

Journals and impact of CIBERESP group publications

All the articles and reviews analyzed in this report are published in journals indexed in the Web of Science (WoS) and referred to in the 2011 Journal Citation Reports. The quartile distribution of the journals in circulation and types of publication according to the Impact factor is provided in detail in the following table.

Quartile and first decile distribution of the impact factor by types of publication.

Type	QUARTILE DISTRIBUTION						Total
	D1	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
Article	366	384	268	87	42		1147
Review	20	12	3	4	0		39
SubTotal	386	396	271	91	42		1.186
Editorial	3	2	12	1	0		18
Total	389	398	283	92	42		1.204

A close-up photograph of a person's face, wearing a light blue surgical mask. They are holding a smartphone in their right hand, which has a dark case, and are looking at the screen. The background is blurred.

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Scientific Programmes

The validity of the Strategic Plan governing the scientific activity of CIBERESP since its creation ended in 2010. The amendment to the Bylaws together with the new challenges identified throughout the 2007-2010 period underlined the need to adapt the Multiannual Action Plan of the Consortium for the 2011-2014 period to the new detected needs.

In 2013, efforts in planning the scientific activity of the Consortium focused on the consolidation of a new Strategic Plan for the four-year 2011-2014 period.

The result of this process was reflected in a document characterized by the definition of seven scientific research and collaborative programmes in the area of epidemiology and public health and a training plan. Each of said programmes is led by a coordinator, who is a member of the Consortium Steering Committee, with strategic objectives defined for the period and main lines of research aimed at fulfilling all these objectives. The activity of each research group is comprised in one of the seven research programmes within which one or more strategic subprogrammes are in turn defined. The definition of these strategic subprogrammes involved the act of specifying the activities to be promoted in the next four years. These activities are important collaborative research initiatives that bring together many CIBERESP groups and institutions and receive an institutional framework and complementary funding from the consortium assuring their stability and reinforcing their scientific quality, collaboration and coordination.

CIBERESP operating as a networking centre is fully committed to intramural collaboration, both intra-programme and inter-programmes, having stable bridges of collaboration among the groups forming it. At the same time, reinforcing collaborations with other national and international research centres has been proposed, thus allowing large-scale research projects that would be difficult to conduct alone.

Similarly, in its new Strategic Plan CIBERESP expresses the need to reinforce its participation on an international level, both at the research project level and by means of participation in European policy decision-making forums, including an individualized internationalization plan for each programme.

CIBERESP also does not overlook the need to disseminate and communicate the research results obtained, a basic activity for transferring the generated knowledge and for assessing R+D+I activity, reserving within each programme a section aimed particularly at communication and dissemination of these results.

The Consortium as a public centre also undertakes to promote scientific culture by using the technical resources at its disposal and particularly its web portal, and by participating in initiatives aimed at disseminating scientific knowledge and activity to society as a whole, such as Science Week.

The initiatives and results obtained throughout 2013 with particular attention to the most outstanding strategic subprogrammes in progress throughout this year are described below.



Epidemiology and Prevention of Chronic Diseases

Programme description

The research programme in epidemiology and prevention of chronic diseases arises from the recognition that the risk and prognostic factors of primary diseases and other chronic health problems are, to a large extent, common.

The creation of this area also derives from the interest to optimize the research designs and resources, since one and the same study can generate information about the determinants of different diseases simultaneously.

The scientific knowledge generated in this area is useful to provide guidance both for clinical and public health strategies, to reduce the incidence of these diseases and to improve their prognosis, to control exposure to risk factors and to prevent initial exposure to said factor (primary prevention).

The large variety of factors determining these chronic health problems and the wide range of approaches necessary for studying them mean that collaborative research must be organized with other areas of the CIBER through transverse research actions, regardless of whether said actions are genetic research, population interventions or the development of new data analysis methods.

The main lines of research included in this programme are the following:

- Environmental and genetic determinants of cancer.
- Natural history of cardiovascular disease.
- Result reporting and transfer information systems.
- Eating behaviors and their effects on health.
- Epidemiology and prevention of traffic injuries.
- Other chronic disorders with a high social impact (environmental and genetic determinants of respiratory diseases and reproductive disorders).

Objectives

The strategic objectives of the programme are:

- To generate scientific knowledge of direct relevance for controlling chronic diseases which are the main causes of loss of health and the use of healthcare services in Spain.
- To transfer this knowledge to clinical practice and to public health.

Strategic subprogrammes

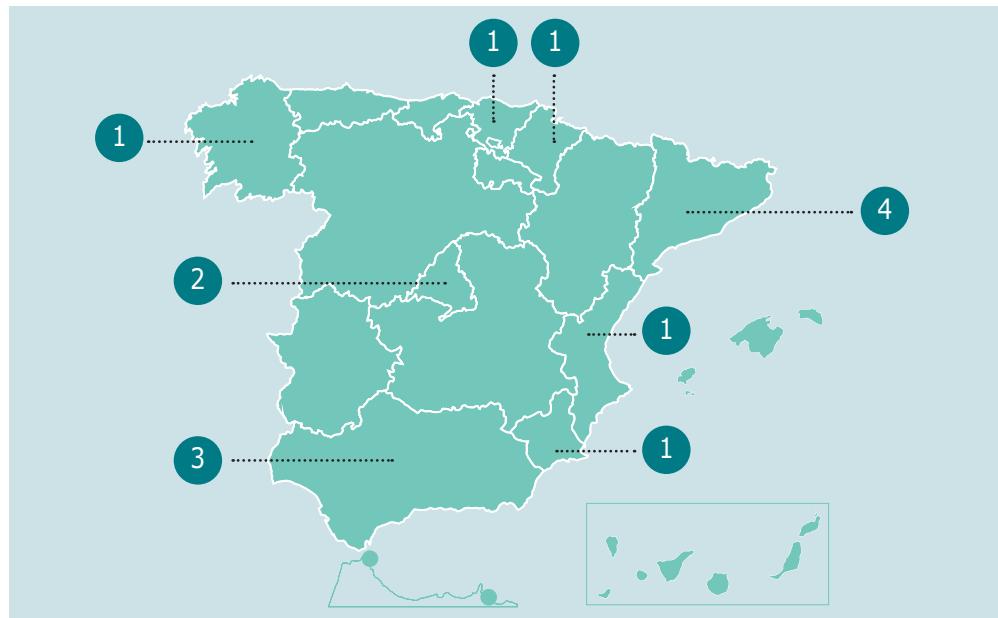
P1. EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PREVENTION OF CHRONIC DISEASES	Multicentre study of population-based cancer cases and controls (MMC-Spain)
	Mammographic density and breast cancer
	Nutrition and cardiovascular risk study in Spain (ENRICA)
	Contamination and cancer
	DARIOS Study
	FRESCO Study
	EPIC (European Prospective Research into Cancer and Nutrition)
	InterAct
	Neuro-Epic
	EPIC-CVD
	EPIC-Rheumatoid Arthritis
	Population cancer registry platform

The strategic subprogramme entitled "Multicentre study of population-based cancer cases and controls" (MMC-Spain) remains the most promising initiative among the research programmes in epidemiology and prediction of chronic diseases. The objective of the subprogramme is to explore the influence of environmental factors, and the interaction with genetic factors, in five types of cancer in Spain (breast cancer, colorectal cancer, gastro-esophageal cancer, prostate cancer and chronic lymphatic leukemia). The study is designed as a multi-case control study with a common control group, a large sample size (4,000 cases, 3,000 controls) and a single research protocol: questionnaire, biological sample collection and anthropometric measurements. The study was and is still externally funded: Transverse Action in Cancer, Specific Action in Mobility, FIS (ISCIII), European projects, autonomous community projects and an international project.

Participating groups

This programme involves the participation of 14 groups from eight Autonomous Communities coordinated by Dr. Rodríguez Artalejo. The list of groups forming part of this programme is shown in Table 4.

Group	Principal investigator
07	LÓPEZ-ABENTE ORTEGA, GONZALO
11	CASTILLA CATALÁN, JESÚS
14	GESTAL OTERO, JUAN JESÚS
16	DELGADO RODRÍGUEZ, MIGUEL
17	MORALES SUÁREZ-VARELA, Mª MANUELA
24	NAVARRO SÁNCHEZ, CARMEN
25	RODRÍGUEZ ARTALEJO, FERNANDO
28	DORRONSORO IRAETA, MIREN
30	SCHRÖDER, HELMUT
34	SÁNCHEZ PÉREZ, MARÍA JOSÉ
35	PORTA SERRA, MIQUEL
38	KOGEVINAS, EMMANOUIL
44	BUENO CAVANILLAS, AURORA
55	MORENO AGUADO, VÍCTOR





Communicable Disease Surveillance, Prevention and Control

Programme description

The purpose of the programme is to develop collaborative and interdisciplinary research in the field of communicable disease surveillance, prevention and control having a large impact on the community, communicable diseases being understood as diseases that are caused by specific infectious agents or their toxins and can be transmitted from a human being, an animal or a non-living source to a susceptible human host.

The main lines of research of this programme are the following:

- Flu.
- Vaccine-preventable diseases having viral etiology (measles, rubella and mumps) or bacterial etiology (whooping cough, pneumococcal disease, meningococcal disease)
- Epidemic outbreaks
- Viral hepatitis.
- Tuberculosis-HIV. Influence of smoking.
- Communicable diseases and other health problems in immigrant population.

Objectives

The strategic objectives of the present programme are the following:

- To give special attention to diseases that require mandatory reporting, including epidemic outbreaks, which sometimes cause serious public health crises.
- To generate scientific knowledge about these communicable diseases so that they can be used as a means for supporting the actions performed by the Health Administration. The effectiveness and efficiency of the interventions performed with a public health service perspective will also be evaluated.
- The research included in the programme will aim at controlling these diseases and will endeavor to ensure that they can be used as a means for supporting the actions performed by the Health Administration.

Strategic subprogrammes

The strategic subprogrammes defined in the framework of the research programme for communicable disease surveillance, prevention and control are listed below .

P2. COMMUNICABLE DISEASE SURVEILLANCE, PREVENTION AND CONTROL	Flu surveillance, prevention and control
	Vaccine-preventable diseases having viral etiology (measles, rubella and mumps) or bacterial etiology (whooping cough, pneumococcal disease, meningococcal disease)
	Epidemic outbreaks
	Tuberculosis (TB)-HIV-CANCER
	Viral hepatitis surveillance, prevention and control

Participating groups

This programme involves the participation of five research groups from Catalonia and the Community of Madrid led by Dr. Caylà and has, among others, the sole associated group.

Group	Principal Investigator
01	DOMÍNGUEZ GARCÍA, ÁNGELA
12	CAYLA BUQUERAS, JOAN ARTUR
13	ECHEVARRÍA MAYO, JUAN EMILIO
32	DE MATEO ONTAÑÓN, SALVADOR
54 A	AMO, JULIA DEL





Biological, Behavioral and Structural Determinants in the Contraction and Spread of Communicable Diseases in Vulnerable Populations (DAPET Programme)

Programme description

This programme is conceived for the purpose of studying and investigating the biological, behavioral and structural factors, as well as their interactions, determining the transmission and contraction of infectious agents and the spread thereof to the population.

The Programme will place special interest in those communicable diseases that contribute most to the burden of disease at both the local and global levels.

The following lines of research have been defined:

- Global health. Communicable diseases related with poverty. Immigration and communicable diseases. Neglected infections.
- Interaction of genetic and molecular factors in human populations and microbial/viral populations with the natural history and the spread of communicable diseases. Determinants, transmission and impact of antimicrobial and antiviral resistances.
- Behavioral and structural factors (social vulnerability, social norms) related with the spread of communicable diseases.
- Integrated modeling of communicable diseases.
- Infections associated with cancer and other chronic diseases. Study on determinants, prevention and training.
- Teaching and new training methodologies in the field of study of the Programme.

Objectives

The DAPET Programme framework aims to achieve the following strategic objectives during the 2011-2014 period:

- To study pathologies associated with poverty and vulnerable populations, including those from countries with few resources, both at the origin and the destination.
- To use genetics and molecular technologies for studying transmission, natural history and population dynamics and interaction (both microbial and human) determining the epidemiology of communicable diseases.
- To identify the factors related to the agent, host and medium contributing to increasing the effectiveness of public health interventions.

Strategic subprogrammes

Three strategic subprogrammes were defined, planned and organized throughout 2011 as a reflection of the specified objectives. Said strategic subprogrammes are listed in the following table.

P3. DAPET PROGRAMME	Immigration and health Global health Role of infectious agents in chronic diseases
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The activity of the Immigration and Health subprogramme started in July 2012 with the setting-up of the Executive Committee with Dr. Elena Ronda and Dr. Jordi Casabona as the co-coordinators and the incorporation of Project Manager, Dr. Cristina Hernando. The objectives and activities of said Subprogramme for the period of July 2012 – April 2013 are found in this report.

Scientific Objectives

- To improve and monitor knowledge concerning the state of health of immigrant population in the field of communicable and non-communicable diseases.
 - To update evidence concerning the state of health of immigrant population in relation to infectious diseases, non-communicable diseases and their determinants in Spain
 - To identify determinants related to health problems that are linked to communicable diseases in immigrant population
- To foment collaboration among groups from different fields of the Health and Immigration subprogramme
 - To boost the identification of collaborative projects among groups of the Health and Immigration subprogramme
 - To facilitate joint publications among groups of the subprogramme
- To evaluate Health and Immigration subprogramme results
 - To diversify and increase the number of identified sources of funding and the number of delivered projects
 - To maintain the number of scientific publications delivered to indexed journals from the subprogramme

The spheres of action and lines of research of the subprogramme are the following:

- Contextual determinants
 - Health Inequality (Rosa Puigpinós)
 - Occupational health (Fernando Benavides)
 - Health policies, systems and services (María Luisa Vázquez)
- Non-communicable diseases
 - Mental health and drug dependency (Teresa Brugal and Francisco Collazos)
 - Sexual and reproductive health (Paco Bolúmar)

- Cancer prevention (Silvia de Sanjosé)
- Communicable diseases.
 - HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (Meritxell Sabidó)
 - Tuberculosis and vaccine-preventable diseases (Joan Caylà)
 - Imported diseases (Clara Menéndez and José Muñoz)
 - Antibiotic resistances (Fernando Baquero)
 - Molecular and genomic epidemiologies (Andrés Moya)
 - Role of infectious agents in non-communicable diseases (Enrique Calderón)
- Methodological aspects
 - Health questionnaires (Carmen Navarro)

Participating groups

This programme consists of six research groups from four Autonomous Communities. Dr. Casabona is responsible for coordinating the programme.

Group	Principal Investigator
02	MOYA SIMARRO, ANDRÉS
04	CALDERÓN SANDUBETE, ENRIQUE JOSÉ
27	CASABONA BARBARÀ, JORDI
29	MENÉNDEZ SANTOS, CLARA
33	BAQUERO MOCHALES, FERNANDO
36	SANJOSÉ LLONGUERAS, SILVIA DE





Social Determinants of Health

Programme description

Research groups participating in this programme focus their interest on generating cooperative research of excellence for all those socially determined relevant aspects for population health.

To that end, a broad perspective of the role of social determinants in health is adopted from a multidisciplinary approach. This ranges from individual characteristics, such as social class or gender, to aspects of the environment, such as neighborhoods or cities; working conditions; and the social environment. Qualitative, quantitative or mixed methods are also used in the programme to fulfill the research objectives. Furthermore, from a strictly epidemiological viewpoint, the programme develops studies ranging from individual-based designs to ecological studies.

Finally, the interest of the programme includes the "social" production of risk factors, such as lifestyles, the environment, working conditions, immigration and social exclusion, etc., results in health, such as morbidity, mortality, disability or dependency, as well as social participation and evaluation of the efficacy, effectiveness and efficiency of health interventions, services and policies.

The scientific activity of the programme is defined in several lines of research among which the following stand out:

- Effect of social determinants on health.
- Health Inequality according to social class, gender, geographical variables, and the environment.
- Specific health problems relevant to public health and with social determinants and mechanisms playing a key role, such as HIV, gender-based violence, sexual health, mental health, addictions, cancer or cardiovascular diseases.
- The health of specific groups of populations, such as immigrant communities, socially excluded groups, women's health problems, and problems related to aging, adolescence and puberty, or childhood.
- The development and evaluation of public health programmes and policies.
- Access to and quality of health services and the participation of patients and citizens.
- The development of useful theoretical frameworks for social determinants, of suitable research methodologies, and modeling of the complex interaction between different social and environmental factors.

Objectives

The strategic objectives of the programme are the following:

- To identify and analyze all those socially determined and relevant aspects for population health.
- To favor the transfer of knowledge to NHS for designing and implementing health policies.
- To promote cooperative research of excellence among groups of the programme, collaboration between them and investigators, and to enhance the internationalization of activities.

Strategic subprogrammes

This programme includes the development of three strategic subprogrammes defined on the basis of three groups of needs:

P4. SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH	Inequality according to social class, gender, the environment and geographical area.
	Development and evaluation of public health programmes and policies.
	Access to and quality of health services and the participation of patients and citizens.

Among the foregoing, the MEDEA/INEQ-CITIES subprogramme stands out. The objective of this subprogramme is to investigate mortality patterns, distribution and causes in small areas of Spanish and European cities, as well as the link thereof with socio-economic and environmental factors.

It consists of three projects with competitive external funding: MEDEA I, MEDEA-II (Health Research Fund) which focus on studying the Spanish reality, and INEQ-CITIES (project funded by DG-Sanco) studying a selection of European cities. The project uses Bayesian methodologies in the study and mortality pattern analysis in small geographical areas. Five CIBERESP groups participate in this activity under the leadership of Dr. Carme Borrell (ASPB).

The Observatory of Inequality (ODD) transverse programme is linked to this programme.

Participating groups

This programme consists of the groups listed in Table 10 which are distributed in two Autonomous Communities and under the coordination of Dr. Daponte.

Group	Head of the Group
03	BORRELL THIÓ, CARME
18	LÓPEZ MEDINA, MARÍA JOSÉ
21	DE LA FUENTE DE HOZ, LUIS
46	DAPONTE CODINA, ANTONIO
50	RUIZ PÉREZ, ISABEL
51	SAEZ ZAFRA, MARC





Epidemiology and Prevention of Environmental and Occupational Diseases

Programme description

The physical, social and intellectual development of a child, from conception until the end of adolescence, requires an environment that is both protected from and protective of the child's health. The increase in diseases is related to unhealthy environments. Prenatal and early exposure, including diet, are associated with children's health and human development, and predispose them to subsequent effects in adulthood. Occupational health is built in a suitable working environment with healthy working conditions where the employees can carry out their activity without any risk to their health and where their participation to improve health and safety conditions is possible. Occupational risks must be monitored and controlled to prevent damaging health as a result of work.

This programme developed two lines of research in 2013:

- Effects of prenatal and postnatal exposure to environmental contaminants on child growth and development (intrauterine growth, postnatal growth, neurodevelopment, allergy and respiratory health, hormonal changes, congenital disorders, reproductive health, obesity) in mother-child cohorts of the INMA Project.
- Predicting the interaction of environmental and occupational determinants in lung cancer development (occupational exposure and health).

Objectives

The strategic objectives of the programme were the following:

- To evaluate the impact of environmental and occupational determinants on the health of children and adults in Spain.
- To disseminate knowledge concerning primary prevention of environment and disease associations to the general population and social and governmental organizations.
- To participate in preparing Guidelines providing advice about scientific primary prevention policies in Spain and Europe.

Strategic subprogrammes

The "Epidemiology and environmental and occupational health prevention" programme includes four strategic subprogrammes (see table 12), two of which were carried out in 2012.

List of research subprogrammes:

P5. EPIDEMIOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH PREVENTION	INMA.- Childhood and the Environment
	Occupation and health
	Endocrine disruption, development and health
	Obesity, development and health. DEDIPAC Programme.

The objective of the subprogramme entitled "Childhood and the Environment" (INMA) is to investigate the interaction between environmental factors and children's health and development. The study is based on monitoring seven cohorts in Riba-
ra d'Ebre, Asturias, Valencia, Gipuzkoa, Menorca, Granada and Sabadell. INMA is a research network made up of Spanish groups created in 2004 for the purpose of studying the role of the most important environmental contaminants found in air, water and diet throughout pregnancy and in the early stages of life, and their effects on childhood growth and development.

The CIBERESP INMA subprogramme has three main OBJECTIVES:

- To describe the degree of individual prenatal exposures to environmental contaminants and the internal doses of these contaminants during pregnancy, child birth and during childhood in Spain.
- To evaluate the impact of pre- and postnatal exposure to different environmental contaminants on child growth, health and development from early fetal stages up to adolescence.
- To evaluate how genetic and nutritional factors can modify the effects of environmental contaminants on child growth

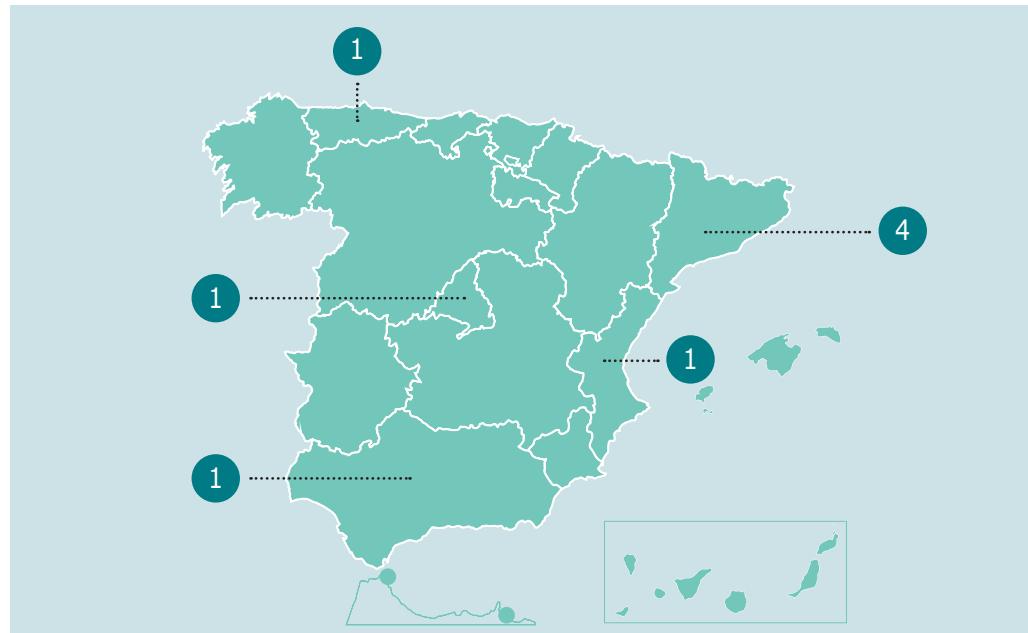
Since its creation, the subprogramme has been externally funded through competitive call for proposals for national research projects (CIBERESP, FIS, other regional agencies) and European research projects (ESCAPE, ENRIECO, CONTAMED, among others). It also has its own website: www.projectinma.org.

INMA includes seven CIBERESP groups and other six groups with active participation.

Participating groups

The programme is a collaboration of 8 research groups distributed in five Autonomous Communities. Dr. Tardón is responsible for coordinating the programme.

Group	Head of the Group
05	RODRÍGUEZ FARRÉ, EDUARD
06	BOLUMAR MONTRULL, FRANCISCO
19	OLEA SERRANO, NICOLÁS
20	MARCOS DAUDER, RICARDO
22	ESTIVILL PALLEJÀ, XAVIER
40	SUNYER DEU, JORDI
41	BALLESTER DÍEZ, FERRÁN
53	TARDÓN GARCÍA, ADONINA



Health Service Evaluation

Programme description

The research groups attached to the Health Service Evaluation Programme have the same interest in conducting collaborative research of excellence in health service evaluation focusing on the priorities of the National Health System for the purpose of directly transferring their results to decision-making in health policy, in management, in clinical practice and in patient's decisions.

Objectives

- To enhance new knowledge on the health and social burden of diseases, and the quality of healthcare services.
- To foment the collaboration among groups of the programme and other groups of the CIBER, RETICS and others.
- To transfer the scientific results of the programme and to develop strategies for improving the scientific skills of its investigators.

Strategic subprogrammes

The development of this new subprogramme which results from previous strategic subprogrammes and includes the main common activity of the current groups of Programme 6 started in 2013 with the name Health and Social Burden Of Chronic Diseases (BURDEN OF DISEASE).

Scientific Objectives:

- To estimate the health and social burden of chronic diseases based on the Continuous Working Life Sample (MCVL) with mortality and temporary and permanent disability data for 2009.
- To develop and validate measuring instruments and indicators of disease burden (well-being, health, disability, loss of productivity and use/consumption of resources), transferring these instruments to professionals and investigators by means of a free access repository (BiblioPRO).
- To establish a strategy to link MCVL registries (Social Security members) with other sources containing health data (e.g., electronic clinical history) available for creating a permanent cohort of Social Security members and their contacts with the National Health System.

Despite this new direction, the preceding strategic subprogrammes of Programme 6 continued to be performed up to mid-2012. Subsequently, collaborative research with groups leaving the CIBERESP is maintained externally (these groups become part of a RETIC – Thematic Network for Collaborative Research – on Research on Healthcare Services in Chronic Diseases –REDISSEC-).

P6. HEALTHCARE SERVICE EVALUATION	Evaluation of the effectiveness, costs and quality of healthcare services in Spain
	Measuring health and individual and social burden of diseases
	Measuring and instruments for evaluating healthcare quality (benchmarking)
	Health and social burden of chronic diseases (BURDEN OF DISEASE)

The BiblioPro technology platform is also encompassed within this new research subprogramme.

Participating groups

From mid-2012, four groups in Programme 6 left the CIBERESP, and the latter was therefore formed by group 0 (Jordi Alonso, CONSORCI MAR PARC DE SALUT DE BARCELONA- PSMAR), Group 47 (Fernando García Benavides, UNIVERSITAT POMPEU FABRA – CISAL-UPF-) and Group 15 (Mireia Espallargues Carreras, AGENCIA DE INFORMACIÓN, EVALUAICÓN Y CALIDAD EN SALUD –AIAQS-) Programme coordinator.

Groups	Head of the Group
09	ALONSO CABALLERO, JORDI
15	ESPALLARGUES CARRERAS, MIREIA
47	GARCÍA BENAVIDES, FERNANDO





Clinical Epidemiology

Programme description

In the field of Epidemiology and Public Health, the Clinical Epidemiology programme specifically studies methods, processes and results related to population clinical care. It focuses on research and analysis of processes and determinants having diagnostic values both in healthy and diseased populations, those having prognosis capacity, as well as those affecting the effectiveness, efficiency and safety of health interventions.

The research conducted in the programme uses the advanced epidemiological method in primary and synthesis studies, leading to, reviewing or improving the development of new methodologies of knowledge, statistical techniques and result transfer for which it collaborates with other groups of the CIBERESP, RETICs, GuíaSalud and international entities, Cochrane, EU Framework Programme, GIN, among many others.

This programme also aims to conduct research on and to develop activities and methods for knowledge dissemination so that it can be more efficiently used by those participating in or receiving healthcare.

It is to be integrated into the objectives of comparing the effectiveness, efficacy, benefits and unwanted consequences for making scientifically informed and profitable decisions.

Therefore, it is consistent and collaborates with priority lines of the Ministry of Social Health Services and Equality and the Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness. The programme occupies a strategic position in the processes of translating medicine, basic or epidemiological research to the ideal patient or population. Interaction with clinical investigators and public health agents is essential to this programme, offering products that accelerate their incorporation into the fields of health action and activity, thus contributing to innovation.

Finally, the in-depth technical knowledge of the impact and adaptation of said processes with respect to population health and resource sustainability is transcendent and indispensable in the 21st century with free-of-charge health systems that provide universal coverage.

The main lines of research of this programme are summarized below:

- Evaluation of the efficacy of healthcare interventions and strategies.
- Evaluation of the effectiveness, efficiency and safety of healthcare interventions and strategies.
- Evaluation of the usefulness of diagnostic tests and prognostic model development.
- Developments and innovations in clinical- epidemiological research methodology.

Objectives

The main objective of the programme is to see to the National Health System's needs for knowledge by conducting the most suitable and effective research in the field of healthcare contributing to maximum effectiveness, safety and sustainability.

- To analyze and identify the relevant determinants and processes in population clinical care.
- To identify new or emerging efficient health interventions with greater impact on population health by means of research and by using advanced epidemiological methods in and synthesis primary studies
- To review and to summarize the most suitable contemporary health research for the NHS's needs.
- To identify knowledge gaps, deficiencies and obstacles in current medical research and the needs of healthcare by developing new knowledge methodologies, statistical techniques and result transfer.
- To prepare training and coaching initiatives for imparting skills to new investigators and professionals with respect to the objectives described in this programme.
- To prepare initiatives for transferring and disseminating research findings among different healthcare agents and recipients.
- To prepare initiatives for the incorporation of opinions/participation of citizens in choosing the health knowledge of interest and in prioritizing and adapting the different actions.

Strategic subprogrammes

The development of strategic subprogrammes envisaged for the 2011-2014 period continued this year. In the EMPARO-MAPAC strategic subprogramme in particular, the data collection phase culminated in several multicentre study projects on healthcare process and on observed results with methodology standardization phase in hospitals participating in Improving the Adaptation of the Healthcare and Clinical Process of the Clinical Epidemiology programme.

P7. CLINICAL EPIDEMIOLOGY

Study of the clinical care process and observed results (MAPAC)

Study of the efficacy and safety determinants of health interventions

Study of diagnostic test validity and usefulness

Methodology, clinical registries and scientific dissemination

Participating groups

This programme is carried out with the active participation of seven research groups distributed in four Autonomous Communities. The programme coordinator is Dr. Javier de la Cruz who is part of the group led by Dr. Gómez de la Cámara.

Group	Head of the Group
08	FERREIRA GONZÁLEZ, IGNACIO
23	GÓMEZ DE LA CAMARA, AGUSTÍN
26	HERNÁNDEZ AGUADO, ILDEFONSO
39	EMPARANZA KNÖRR, JOSÉ IGNACIO
42	ABRAIRA SANTOS, VÍCTOR J
43	BONFILL COSP, XAVIER





3 Research Support Platforms



BiblioPRO

Programme description



BiblioPRO is a virtual library with health-related quality of life instruments in Spanish which aims to become the Virtual Library of international scientific reference as regards patient reported outcome (PRO) questionnaires in Spanish.

It combines research with translational activities, making it a unique resource for research and clinical practice. The group is led by Dr. Alonso (Group 9) with the participation of groups 15 and 47.

It allows the authors of the PRO questionnaires to disclose and assess the results of their research, and the users of those questionnaires to make an informed selection of same through its virtual platform (<http://www.bibliopro.org/index.html>).



Content of the Bibliopro virtual platform

Objectives

The objectives of BiblioPRO are the following:

- To identify patient reported outcome (PRO) questionnaires and health-related quality of life (HRQoL) questionnaires in Spanish.
- To compile the highest possible number of instruments in a free-access virtual library to allow selecting the most suitable questionnaire.
- To facilitate legal access to these questionnaires, assessing conducted research results in Spanish.

Participating CIBERESP groups

Research groups participating in BIBLIOPRO

Groups	Head of the Group
09	ALONSO CABALLERO, JORDI
15	ESPALLARGUES CARRERAS, MIREIA
47	GARCÍA BENAVIDES, FERNANDO

Resources

Goods and services

BiblioPro has a virtual online platform allowing access to the questionnaires from anywhere with an Internet connection.

BIBLIOPRO web home page

Indicators and results

BiblioPRO has successfully accomplished the following achievements this year:

- The subprogramme **web page was revamped**. It now allows identifying the questionnaires available in Spanish, choosing the questionnaires that are most suitable for specific use as a result of its original taxonomy-based search engine that allows combining variables. Furthermore, it provides the possibility of distributing the questionnaires online (published in December 2011).
- **2008-2010 systematic literature review** was performed in which about 400 new PRO instruments in Spanish were identified. So the web now contains information concerning 744 instruments and about 180 specific instruments as regards mental health are under review.
- **Technical specifications of 200 new instruments** identified in the systematic review were prepared. More than 100 instruments (including information describing the instrument, manual, punctuation or bibliography systems)

were provided in downloadable formats. Agreements were signed for distributing some instruments, such as the SF.

- **The 1st Bibliopro Scientific Workshop** (February 21, 2013) was held successfully. 190 participants, 140 attendees plus 85 more who participated online took part in the event. 36 scientific communications and 25 scientific posters were presented. International experts such as Professor David Cella from Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago or Dr. José María Valderas of University of Oxford collaborated in the event.
- **The first Newsletter** was sent to more than 5000 users and collaborators both in the clinical and scientific field. This dissemination measure along with the organization of the Scientific Workshop brought about the registration of 1700 users with about 10 new users registered daily.
- A scientific document about Bibliopro was published in the **PRO Newsletter Online-Mapi Research Trust** specializing in PRO instrument.
- **Two articles** about EMPRO instrument results were sent for publication: one of said articles related to the progression of various prostate cancer instruments by Schmidt, S., Garin, O., Vilagut, G., Pardo, Y., Becerra, V., Pont, A., Valderas, JM, Alonso, J., Rebollo, P., Rajmil, L., Garcia-Forero, C., and Ferrer, M., in the name of the Scientific Committee of BIBLIOPRO. Assessing health-related quality of life in patients with prostate cancer: a systematic, standardized comparison of available measures. JCO (revision), was sent to an international journal and was under review.; and another one relating to instruments for evaluating quality of life in heart failure was accepted for publication in an international journal (O Garin, M Herdman, G Vilagut, M Ferrer, A Ribera, L Rajmil, JM Valderas, F Guillemin, D Revicki, J Alonso, on behalf of the EMPRO-HF Group* Assessing health-related quality of life in patients with heart failure: a systematic, standardized comparison of available measures. Heart F Rev, 2013 (in press).

Observatory of Inequality (ODDS)

Programme description

The Observatory of Health Inequality (ODDS) is a free-of-charge and free-access scientific portal specializing in Health Inequality integrated within the "Social Determinants of Health" programme (P4).

It is structured around a website (<http://www.ods-ciberesp.org>) having a wide range of information concerning published studies, reports, events, and other resources on the determinants of Health Inequality, with special emphasis on social class, gender, age, origin, and place of residence.

It is an initiative which is open for collaboration with all CIBERESP groups and particularly with the members of the inequality programme. It is under the scientific leadership of Dr. L. Artazcoz (ASPB), and L. Cascant (CIBERESP-ASPB) took up the position of project manager up until June 2012. Esther Sánchez Ledesma joined the group in 2013.

2010 bore witness to the consolidation of a virtual information service, an electronic research support platform on Health Inequality with the following strategic focal points: Gender and Health, Social Class and Health, Age and Health, Immigration/Ethnicity and Health, Territory and Health. The web site of the Observatory is periodically updated with new resources, events, published studies, and new scientific evidence on Health Inequality.

The group is making a special effort to seek additional sources of funding for maintaining the observatory. In this sense, it has moved forward in the realization of collaboration initiatives with the Ministry of Health and Social Policies, the Instituto Nacional de Seguridad e Higiene en el trabajo, the Dirección General de Salud Pública, Instituto de la Mujer and Institut Cerdá.

Objectives

The main objectives of the Observatory of Health Inequality (ODS) are:

- To create a virtual information service in which information and documentation concerning health inequality referring fundamentally to Spain as a whole and to its Autonomous Communities is collected, systematized and transmitted.
- To establish an electronic support platform for the scientific and professional community, particularly for those from CIBERESP.
- To develop contents and services aimed at the general population used for disseminating the results of the studies and research that have been conducted.

Participating groups

Resources

Goods and services

This subproject is led by Dr. Lucía Artazcoz from Dr. Carme Borrell's group (Group 3) The ODS web page forms the basis of its operation, allowing access to and dissemination of contents. In May 2013, a new domain was purchased for the observatory (<http://www.ods-ciberesp.org>), the activity and dissemination thereof starting up again (institutional webs, ODS subscribers, social networks...)

Observatory of Inequality Home Page

Indicators and results

The ODS web page had 236 registrations including scientific-academic staff, students and institutions. From June to September 2013, the web page chalked up 11,693 visits with an average of 1,299 visits monthly according to StatCounter data.

Various institutions of renowned prestige including, among others, the Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality, some universities and research centres, such as the European Trade Union Institute or the Pan American Health Organization, have established links with the observatory.

Social Web

ODS is highly present in social networks. It has 538 followers on Twitter. The ODS Facebook page has 377 followers.

A photograph of a scientist in a white lab coat and blue gloves, focused on work at a lab bench. In the foreground, several petri dishes with green bacterial cultures are visible. The scientist is holding a small glass vial. The background shows more laboratory equipment and supplies.

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Horizontal Programmes



Training Plan

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR FINANCIAL AID FOR BRIEF INTERNSHIPS ABROAD IN ORDER TO COMPLETE DOCTORAL STUDIES WITH INTERNATIONAL MENTION IN THE DEGREE. Investigator training (pre-doctoral).

CIBERESP announces a call for proposals for financial aid every year for internships lasting at least 3 months in international research centres of renowned prestige. This is to help doctoral students belonging or attached to consortium research groups to obtain international mention in their Doctoral Degree.

After considering the applications received and assessing the requirements of said call for proposals as well as the merits of the candidates, the Evaluation Committee decided to grant four aids in the 2013 call for proposals.

Training programme DE13

Doctoral students	University of origin	Country of destination
José María Ramada Rodilla	Universitat Pompeu Fabra	Holland
María López Ruiz	Universitat Pompeu Fabra	Costa Rica
Montserrat Puig Vives	Universitat de Girona	Norway
Xavier Duran Jordà	Universitat Pompeu Fabra	Belgium

The maximum amount of each aid package is 3,000 €, which is intended for covering travel expenses, moving expenses, healthcare and accident insurance, living expenses and other suitably justified expenses of a similar nature relating directly to the internship in the international research centre.

MEETING AID FOR EXCELLENCE

The CIBERESP Training Programme aims to promote the exchange of ideas in an informal environment between accredited scientists and young scientists undergoing training to discuss their Doctoral Dissertation projects. Besides improving projects, this exchange also intends to facilitate innovation in public health research and to include them in the health challenges of the 21st century.

**Public Health
Summer School
2013**

Beneficiaries 2013	CIBERESP Group
Mónica Marcela Ávila Pacheco	09
Magda Bosch de Basea Gómez	38
Irene Calvente Adamuz	19
Anna Funtikova	30
Nicolás García-Arenzana Les	07
Esther García García-Esquinas	07
Clara Carmen Gual Llorens	47
Laia Maynou Pujolràs	51
Jordi Torrubiano Domínguez	03
Mònica Ubalde López	47

The objective of this Meeting, which is held within the framework of the School of Public Health of Menorca, between doctoral students and senior investigators is to aid in understanding the on-going Doctoral Dissertation projects, as well as to generate new public health research ideas.

Expenses for housing, living expenses and travel to Menorca for selected candidates were covered. These candidates were certified by means of a diploma accrediting their participation in the Meeting. The participation consists of a 30-minute oral presentation by each student before the Evaluation Committee and other selected candidates in Spanish or English. After the presentation, the participants engage in a discussion for another 30 minutes.





Transfer Results

The following table shows the knowledge transfer activities carried out by the research groups which are part of CIBERESP throughout 2013.

**Transfer products.
Distribution by type and field of application.**

TRANSFER PRODUCTS	Field of application						
	Loc.	Aut	Nat	EU	Int	Glob	Total
Reports, opinions and expert reports		2	5	1	5	2	15
Reports or synthesis of evidence		3	4	8	1	1	17
Clinical practice and public health guidelines		1	4	5		3	13
White papers		3					3
Observatories		1					1
Others		1	5	2	4	2	14
Total		11	18	16	10	8	63

Loc: Local

Aut: Autonomy

Nat: National

EU: European Countries

Int: Non-European Countries

Glob: Global application



Dissemination Actions

Web page and Newsletter

The CIBERESP web (www.ciberesp.es) targets different types of user profiles, both specialized users and the general public, and its contents are updated periodically. Therefore, the CIBERESP web page is the usual mechanism for publishing job offers, public calls for tender and their respective resolutions. Additionally, information about job offers is sent to the consortium centres for dissemination and calls for tender are published in the State Contracting Platform and in the BOE (Official State Journal) when legally required. Furthermore, events, notices of interest relating to CIBER's subject areas and calls for proposals for financial aid, job offers, grants, etc., which are of interest for the CIBER scientific community are disseminated through the web.

The web page also offers easy access to the scientific and organizational structure of the CIBERESP, to its activities, to the most prominent notices and events and to the reference documents of the Consortium (Scientific Plan, Strategic Plan, Activity Reports).

Página web de CIBERESP

The home page has direct links to some web pages of the subprogrammes (INMA, Biobanco, Observatory of Health Inequality, MCC Spain), other actions and activities, as well as to the digital version of the Newsletter.

The first issue of the CIBERESP Newsletter came out in February 2009, and it is an accessible instrument for communicating CIBERESP's scientific activity. In 2013, two widely distributed issues of the Newsletter were published in PDF format.



Science Week 2013



CIBERESP participated along with other CIBERS in Science Week 2013 held in Madrid and Catalonia. It conducted two different events to inform the general public of the current state of biomedical research of excellence in Spain and particularly its outcomes.

This joint CIBER initiative was held in Madrid at Instituto de Salud Carlos III on November 4 through a workshop entitled "Workshop: CIBER Scientific MICROPOLYX". The CIBERESP participated in said event by holding an interactive mini-workshop about communicable disease outbreaks conducted by CIBERESP Group 32. This mini-workshop targets students in the final years of the 4-year Mandatory Secondary Education (ESO) and high school to introduce CIBER's areas of work in an entertaining and engaging manner to youngsters and to stimulate their interest in health research. An online tool (developed by international public health agencies) was used in this workshop to explain basic concepts on the epidemiology of communicable diseases, such as infectivity, pathogenicity, modes of transmission, vectors, epidemic, prevention and control activities, etc. Students had the opportunity to participate in the resolution of a case where public health interventions to control an epidemic outbreak are presented.



Science Week (Madrid)



The activity conducted during Science Week in Catalonia consisted of developing a round table dialogue on November 18 to discuss "**Translational Research at the service of the patient**", held in the Esther Koplowitz Centre in Barcelona. CIBERESP's intervention was entrusted to Group 3 with the subject "Single Mothers in Spain", as part of the SOPHIE, Structural Policies for Health Inequalities Evaluation, project in order to generate new evidence on the impact of structural policies on health inequality and developing new technologies to evaluate said policies in Europe. The state of health and the lifestyles of the mothers were analyzed, taking into account if they have a life partner and if they are the heads of household, with data obtained from the National Health Survey from 2003 and 2011.



Science Week (Barcelona)



5 Research Groups



PROGRAMME:
Clinical Epidemiology

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Main lines of research

- Evaluation of clinical practice and health technologies, covering a wide range of research objectives, all oriented to the analysis of clinical practice, health outcomes and health technology assessment, with special emphasis on the diagnosis.
- Multivariate models and research on prognosis, which is dedicated to the study of multivariate regression models and its extension to particular situations as longitudinal studies or cluster studies in which the units of analysis have several degrees of aggregation.

Most relevant scientific articles

- ABRAIRA V, MURIEL A, EMPARANZA JI, PIJOAN JI, ROYUELA A, PLANAS MN. Reporting quality of survival analyses in medical journals still needs improvement. A minimal requirements proposal.J Clin Epidemiol. 2013 Dec;66(12):1340-6.e5.
- ROYUELA A, KOVACS FM, CAMPILLO C, CASAMITJANA M, MURIEL A, ABRAIRA V. Predicting outcomes of neuroreflexotherapy in patients with subacute or chronic neck or low back pain.Spine J. 2013 Oct 18;.
- ESTEBAN A, FRUTOS-VIVAR F, MURIEL A, FERGUSON ND, PEÑUELAS O, ABRAIRA V. Evolution of mortality over time in patients receiving mechanical ventilation.Am J Respir Crit Care Med. 2013 Jul 15;188(2):220-30.
- HUY NT, VAN GIANG T, THUY DH, KIKUCHI M, HIEN TT, ZAMORA J. Factors associated with dengue shock syndrome: a systematic review and meta-analysis.PLoS Negl Trop Dis. 2013;7(9):e2412.
- GARCÍA-BLÁZQUEZ V, VICENTE-BÁRTULOS A, OLAVARRIA-DELGADO A, PLANAS MN, VAN DER WINDEN D, ZAMORA J. Accuracy of CT angiography in the diagnosis of acute gastrointestinal bleeding: systematic review and meta-analysis.Eur Radiol. 2013 May;23(5):1181-90.

Highlights

Projects awarded in 2013:

- Multicenter study about assistencial process and outcomes observed in urological cancer (EMPANO -CU) study. Subproject: predictive models (FIS PS09/01619. J. Zamora IP).

Projects awarded in 2013:

- Improvement of the appropriateness of ionizing radiation imaging (X-ray and CT) in emergency departments . MAPAC-Image Project (FIS- PI13/00896 IP . J. Zamora).

Other group products, in addition to publications: website (http://www.hrc.es/investigacion/inves_unidadbio.htm) containing educational material and software tools such as several statistics calculators, a program in Stata implementing generalizations of kappa index, another one to generate nomograms after logistic regression. But the main product is the Meta- DiSc, a program to perform meta-analysis of diagnostic tests, cited over 430 times according to Web of Science.

From September 2013, they have reached a partnership agreement between the University Rey Juan Carlos and IRYCIS, in order to lead the Collaborative Centre to Community of Madrid for the Iberoamerican Cochrane Centre.

The group collaborates with the European Medicines Agency conducting scientific advice and assessment reports.



PROGRAMME:
**Health Service
Evaluation**

Grupo de Investigación en Servicios Sanitarios

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Main lines of research

- Health-Related Quality of Life (HRQL) Measurements. Development and evaluation of HRQL instruments in a cross-sectional research line (health services, public health and clinical research). We have adapted and validated more than 40 HRQL instruments, developing a standard guide for evaluating the quality of these instruments (EMPRO), and we have developed a "Method and system for evaluating an individual's Health-Related Quality of Life" (patent application No. P200600211). Collaboration in several European Union-funded projects: International Quality of Life Outcomes Database (IQOD), Measuring Health and Disability in Europe (MHADIE) and the KIDSCREEN project. We lead the technology platform BiblioPRO, a virtual library of HRQL questionnaires in Spanish.
- Estimation of the burden of mental disease. Research on frequency, risk factors, disabilities, and economic and social costs related to the most common mental disorders. Research performed in collaboration with World Mental Health (WMH) Surveys Consortium [<http://www.hcp.med.harvard.edu/wmh/>] in 29 countries, coordinated by Harvard University and WHO. Our group leads the 10 European countries with funding from the European Commission and other funds. Assessment of the burden of mental health problems in Europe and estimates on care needs. It also includes studies on specific populations (such as university students) carried out in several countries simultaneously. WMH Consortium's contributions are relevant to improve the knowledge on health care needs and are a more solid basis for decision-making and for developing and evaluating health policies.

- Evaluation of health services efficiency and effectiveness. Application of Health-Related Quality of Life (HRQL) measuring instruments as results in the evaluation of the efficacy, effectiveness and efficiency of medical procedures or health programs, specially cancer. It also comprises cost-effectiveness and cost-utility analysis (using psychometric or econometric tools to measure quality of life, respectively) to include an economic evaluation of health services. Research findings are expected to influence the doctors' and the government's decision-making and, therefore, contribute positively to the quality and efficiency of the national health system.

Most relevant scientific articles

- ALONSO J, VILAGUT G, ADROHER ND, CHATTERJI S, HE Y, ANDRADE LH. Disability mediates the impact of common conditions on perceived health. *PLoS One.* 2013;8(6):e65858.
- FERRER M, GUEDEA F, SUÁREZ JF, DE PAULA B, MACÍAS V, MARIÑO A. Quality of life impact of treatments for localized prostate cancer: cohort study with a 5 year follow-up. *Radiother Oncol.* 2013 Aug;108(2):306-13.
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- GARIN O, FERRER M, PONT À, WIKLUND I, VAN GANSE E, VILAGUT G. Evidence on the global measurement model of the Minnesota Living with Heart Failure Questionnaire. *Qual Life Res.* 2013 Dec;22(10):2675-84.
- HOLLMANN M, GARIN O, GALANTE M, FERRER M, DOMÍNGUEZ A, ALONSO J. Impact of influenza on health-related quality of life among confirmed (H1N1)2009 patients. *PLoS One.* 2013;8(3):e60477.

Highlights

In 2013 we published 51 original articles (48 international, 53% first quartile) in indexed scientific journals. H-index: J. Alonso (68), M. Ferrer (30).

J. Alonso is Europe's regional project coordinator for WHO World Mental Health (WMH) Surveys. M. Ferrer is the scientific coordinator for BiblioPRO, virtual library of Health-Related Quality of Life instruments in Spanish. It is a transfer activity by researchers from 4 CIBERESP groups, 1 CIBERSAM group, 1 CIBERNED group, and from the Network and Health Services Research on Chronic Patients Network (REDISSEC).

The group had five ongoing research projects during 2013 with competitive funding:

- Assessment of the safety of LABAs in asthma in routine care... (ASTRO-LAB), European Commission HEALTH-F5-2011-282593 2011-15. Partner, PI: Montse Ferrer.
- Coordinated study on the new version of EuroQol (EQ-5D) for use in Spain. ISCIII PI12/00772 2012-15. Coordinating PI: Montse Ferrer.
- Assessment of severity based on mood disorders and anxiety symptoms. ISCIII PI10/00530 2011-13. PI: Jordi Alonso
- BiblioPRO: virtual library of Health-Related Quality of Life instruments. RECERCAIXA 2010ACUP 00158 2011-13. IP: Jordi Alonso.
- Cost effectiveness and cost utility of the main treatments for localized prostate cancer: 7-year follow-up study. Agència d'Avaluació de Tecnologia i Recerca Mèdica 436/05/2008 2009-13. PI: Montse Ferrer.

During 2013, the group had 4 predoctoral and 1 postdoctoral grants and contracts competitively funded, 1 contract with the Catalan Government's Department of Health, and funding as Consolidated research group 2009 SGR 1095, by the Agency for Administration of University Research Grants (AGAUR).

During 2013 O. Garin defended her PhD thesis and three members of the group lead 3 graduate theses at the Masters in Public Health, UPF-UAB program, in which they maintain a prominent teaching and management participation.



PROGRAMME:
**Ep. and Prev. Environmental
and Occupational Diseases**

Group 41 CIBERESP-FISABIO

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Main lines of research

- Children and Environmental Health.
- Air pollution, climatic factors and health.
- Public Health Surveillance.
- Epidemiology of infectious diseases.
- Mechanisms of development of asthma and allergic diseases.
- Inequalities in health.
- Rare diseases.
- Clinical epidemiology.
- Statistical methods for analysis of epidemiological and environmental data.
- Women's Health.
- Environmental health impact assessment.
- Assessment of exposure to toxic compounds. Biomonitoring.

Most relevant scientific articles

- IÑIGUEZ C, BALLESTER F, COSTA O, MURCIA M, SOUTO A, SANTA-MARINA L ET AL.. Maternal smoking during pregnancy and fetal biometry: the INMA Mother and Child Cohort Study. Am J Epidemiol. 2013 Oct 1;178(7):1067-75.
- LLOP S, JULVEZ J, FERNÁNDEZ-SOMOANO A, SANTA MARINA L, VIZCAINO E, IÑIGUEZ C ET AL.. Prenatal and postnatal insecticide use and infant neuropsychological development in a multicenter birth cohort study. Environ Int. 2013 Sep;59:175-82.
- MARTÍNEZ-BENEITO MA, ZURRIAGA O, BOTELLA-ROCAMORA P, MARÍ-DELL'OLMO M, NOLASCO A, MONCHO J. Do socioeconomic inequalities in mortality vary between different Spanish cities? a pooled cross-sectional analysis. BMC Public Health. 2013 May 16;13:480.
- MEDINA S, BALLESTER F, CHANEL O, DECLERCQ C, PASCAL M. Quantifying the health impacts of outdoor air pollution: useful estimations for public health action. J Epidemiol Community Health. 2013 Jun;67(6):480-3.
- PÉREZ L, DECLERCQ C, IÑIGUEZ C, AGUILERA I, BADALONI C, BALLESTER F. Chronic burden of near-roadway traffic pollution in 10 European cities (APHEKOM network). Eur Respir J. 2013 Sep;42(3):594-605.

Highlights

During 2013 and coordinated by the Department of Environment and Health FISABIO, the visit at 7-years of the INMA project (Environment and Childhood; www.projectoinma.org) has been completed. In this project the relationship between the environment, diet and genetic characteristics, and health and development in childhood is assessed. A relevant aspect is the participation of the INMA project in several European collaborative research initiatives, such as the EU funded projects as DENAMIC, Medall, CHICOS, and ESCAPE.

Also related to child health, it has continued, from the Epidemiology Unit of Castellón , with works that study the frequency distribution and determinants of asthma and allergic diseases in the context of the international study ISAAC .

In line with the possible health effects of weather and climate, PHASE participates in the European project that aims to contribute to the knowledge of the relationship between meteorological factors on health and evaluate the best strategies for preventing their possible effects on health. Nationally, two researchers of the group participate as experts in the Centre for Health and Climate Change.

In the line of Inequalities in Health , coordinated by the Research Area of the same name within FISABIO, progress has been made in the development of PAR-ENT project and the analysis of the magnitude and determinants of morbidity and mortality severe maternal in Valencia .

Among the research projects of the line stands for Rare Diseases participation in the Joint Action EUROCAT (Surveillance of congenital Anomalies) and Network of Registries on Rare Diseases (SpainRDR) as well as various research projects.



PROGRAMME:
DAPET Programme

Group 33

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Main lines of research

- Epidemiology and ecology of bacterial antibiotic resistance, in relation with antibiotic use, risk groups, and environmental changes.
- Research on mechanisms and dynamics of colonization and transmission of microorganisms among humans, and from animals to humans.
- Research on epidemiology of transmissible diseases, particularly HIV, HCV, LGV, respiratory and neurotropic viruses.
- Epidemiology of non-B HIV-1 subtypes in immigrant and pediatric populations.

Most relevant scientific articles

- BAQUERO F, TEDIM AP, COQUE TM. Antibiotic resistance shaping multi-level population biology of bacteriaFront Microbiol. 2013;.
- YEBRA G, DELGADO R, PULIDO F, RUBIO R, GALÁN JC, MORENO S, HOLGUÍN A. Different trends of transmitted HIV-1 drug resistance in Madrid, Spain, among nrisk groups in the last decade.Arch Virol. 2013;.
- RODRÍGUEZ-DOMÍNGUEZ M, PUERTA T, MENÉNDEZ B, GONZÁLEZ-ALBA JM, RODRÍGUEZ C, HELLÍN T, VERA M, GONZÁLEZ-SAINZ FJ, CLAVO P, VILLA M, CANTÓN R, DEL ROMERO J, GALÁN JC. Clinical and epidemiological characterization of a lymphogranuloma venereum outbreak in Madrid, Spain: co-circulation of two variants.Clin Microbiol Infect. 2013;20:219-225.
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- CASTILLA J, GODOY P, DOMÍNGUEZ A, MARTÍNEZ-BAZ I, ASTRAY J, MARTÍN V, DELGADO-RODRÍGUEZ M, BARICOT M, SOLDEVILA N, MAYORAL JM, QUINTANA JM, GALÁN JC, CASTRO A, GONZÁLEZ-CANDELAS F, GARÍN O, SAEZ M, TAMAMES S, PUMAROLA T; CIBERESP Cases and Controls in Influenza Working Group Spain (Caylà JA). Influenza vaccine effectiveness in preventing out-patient, inpatient, and severe cases of laboratory-confirmed influenzaCLIN INFECT DIS. 2013;57(2):167-175.

Highlights

The Group CIBERESP G-33, MSP-RYC was partially funded in 2013 by three Projects of the EU Commission (PAR-241476; EVOTAR-F3-2011-282004; R-GNOSIS-282512), and was accepted as a group in the 8th Call IMI. Ref: ENABLE - 115583 Project; as far as Spanish funding is concerned it has 8 active Projects (PI10-02588; PS09/02381; PS09/00284; PCAPE_2011_0025; PI12/00240; PROMPT-S2010/BMD-2414; PI12-01581; PI12-00567). The Group has been involved in the Scientific Research Group of the EU Commision producing the Document "Joint Programming Initiative on Antibiotic Resistance" (Dr. Baquero), in the Report on EFSA Panel on Biological Hazards (BIOHAZ) (Dr. Coque), and in the Report on Primary Resistances to Antiretrovirals in El Salvador (Ministry for Health and Social Policy of El Salvador). Relations with Pharma and Diagnostic-Technological Industries were: participation in the studies CENIT (CUBIST); E β -Protocol Xpert (CEPHEID); IDI-20120242 (CDTI), and EC11-131. Dr. Baquero was invited as Key-Note Speaker in the ICAAC Conference of the ASM (Denver, USA), lecturing on "A Vision of Antimicrobial Therapy for the Future" which was broadly disseminated in the Web (You Tube). The Group has generated 34 publications in peer-reviewed journals, 68 communications to scientific conferences, and 14 Invited lectures including lectures the Emory School of Public Health (Atlanta, Georgia, USA), the Darwin Summit in Galapagos Islands about Global Evolution and Antibiotic Resistance -Does Evolution Matter?, and the B-Debate (Bio-Cat) and the Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal) "On the Global Threat of Antimicrobial resistance: Science for Intervention". During the year, the Group is progressively shifting from basic molecular biology of pathogens to evolutionary and population biology applications to public health in the broad perspective of Public Health Microbiology.



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Main lines of research

- Analyze the effect of pre and postnatal exposure to environmental pollutants and diet on neurodevelopment, lung function, allergy, and respiratory health in the INMA cohort study. (www.proyectoinma.org)
- Identify associated factors in relation to overweight and obesity in adult and children of the INMA study. (www.proyectoinma.org; www.bibliodieta.es)
- Evaluate the effect of diet on non-communicable diseases such as cancer, age-related macular degeneration and other metabolic diseases.

Most relevant scientific articles

- LLOP S, JULVEZ J, FERNÁNDEZ-SOMOANO A, SANTA MARINA L, VIZCAINO E, IÑIGUEZ C ET AL.. Prenatal and postnatal insecticide use and infant neuropsychological development in a multicenter birth cohort study. *Environ Int.* 2013 Sep;59:175-82.
- REBAGLIATO M, MURCIA M, ALVAREZ-PEDREROL M, ESPADA M, FERNÁNDEZ-SOMOANO A, LERTXUNDI N ET AL.. Iodine Supplementation During Pregnancy and Infant Neuropsychological Development: INMA Mother and Child Cohort Study. *Am J Epidemiol.* 2013 May 1;177(9):944-53.
- VIOQUE J, NAVARRETE-MUÑOZ EM, GIMÉNEZ-MONZÓ D, GARCÍA-DE-LA-HERA M, GRANADO F, YOUNG IS ET AL.. Reproducibility and validity of a food frequency questionnaire among pregnant women in a Mediterranean area. *Nutr J.* 2013 Feb 19;12:26.
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- REBAGLIATO M, VIOQUE J, ARRIZABALAGA JJ. Iodine supplements during and after pregnancy. *JAMA.* 2013 Apr 3;309(13):1345-6.

Highlights

The members of the group are located at different Universities: Universidad of Alcalá (F. Bolumar), U. Miguel Hernández (Grupo EPINUT leaded by J Vioque) y U. Jaume I (M. Rebagliato). A total of 26 articles were published in 2013, mostly in International journals with IF in the JCR-ISI Thomson and in accordance with the main lines pointed out and specific aims stated in previous reports.

The EPINUT group is led by Prof. Jesus Vioque who developed and validated a food frequency questionnaire for dietary assessment of pregnant women and their children from the INMA Study. This FFQ is allowing other groups of CIBERESP and, particularly with Marisa Rebagliato within the group 6, to investigate the role of dietary factors and supplements such as folic acid and iodine supplements on fetal growth, neurodevelopment, obesity and other outcomes of interest in the INMA Study.

The EPINUT group is also involved in International projects such as EUREYE Study on age-related macular degeneration in elderly population in European (Financed by the VFP-EU) and the initiative Global Burden of Metabolic Risk Factors of Chronic Diseases Collaborating Group (Circulation, 2013; Pop Health Metrics, 2013). It is also collaborating with other CIBERESP groups in National Projects financed by FIS-ISCIII (Determinants of Mammographic Density)

The EPINUT group has developed a website platform to facilitate the use and analysis of epidemiology studies with interest of diet and nutrition. (www.bibliodieta.es)



PROGRAMME:
Clinical Epidemiology

Medicina Basada en la Evidencia

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Main lines of research

- Systematic reviews.
- Evidence-based Medicine.
- Clinical, epidemiological and health services research.
- Analysis of appropriateness.
- Methodological research.
- Clinical Practice Guidelines.
- Dissemination and transfer of scientific knowledge.

Most relevant scientific articles

- DAVIES C, PAN H, GODWIN J, GRAY R, ARRIAGADA R, RAINA V. Long-term effects of continuing adjuvant tamoxifen to 10 years versus stopping at 5 years after diagnosis of oestrogen receptor-positive breast cancer: ATLAS, a randomised trial. *Lancet.* 2013 Mar 9;381(9869):805-16.
- VON ELM E, RAVAUD P, MACLEHOSE H, MBUAGBAW L, GARNER P, RIED J. Translating Cochrane reviews to ensure that healthcare decision-making is informed by high-quality research evidence. *PLoS Med.* 2013;10(9):e1001516.
- VANDVIK PO, BRANDT L, ALONSO-COELLO P, TREWEEK S, AKL EA, KRISTIANSEN A. Creating clinical practice guidelines we can trust, use, and share: a new era is imminent. *Chest.* 2013 Aug;144(2):381-9.
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Highlights

The most relevant activities carried out by the group no. 43 throughout the year 2013 include:

- The coordination of the Iberoamerican Cochrane Network, which has allowed to develop and publish many systematic reviews in the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (with an IF 5,9) as well as many actions of dissemination of knowledge and research methodology (including the translation and publication of La Biblioteca Cochrane, with open access in Spain and most Latin American countries).
- Active participation in many international non-commercial clinical trials and studies in collaboration with other leading global research academic institutions (where the group has acted as national coordinator and promoter in several of them, especially in the field of perioperative medicine), several of which have obtained competitive public funding and have generated high-impact publications.
- The development of different guidelines on clinical practice under the Plan de Calidad para el Sistema Nacional de Salud del Ministerio de Sanidad, Política Social e Igualdad and/or in collaboration with scientific entities, defining the group as one of the major technical units in elaborating guidelines and methodological advice in Spain.
- The boost of research and dissemination of knowledge initiatives in the field of assessing practices and procedures, and analysing the alignment of clinical and care practice (including the recent launch of the website DianaSalud).
- The active participation in collaborative workgroups and networks, some of international scope (Cochrane Collaboration, GRADE Working Group, Guiasalud, LatinCLEN).
- The participation in two European projects

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Most relevant scientific articles

Grupo de investigación de los determinantes sociales y políticos de la salud

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Main lines of research

- Inequalities in health by social class, gender, immigration and geographical area.
- Development of theoretical frameworks and methodologies for the study of the intersections of social class, gender and country of origin on health inequalities.
- The social and political determinants of health and their effect on the construction of policies and interventions
- Study of national and transnational influences on policies affecting health.

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Highlights

- The group has obtained three projects of the Instituto de Salud Carlos III, two of them are part of the coordinated project to analyze the impact of the crisis on the health of the Spanish population. On the other hand we continue to lead the SOPHIE European project (EU FP7).
- It has been achieved an agreement with the General Directorate for Traffic: "Semi - separation in conventional highway roads: analysis of different systems and evaluation of interventions already made."
- The year 2013 have been presented 4 doctoral theses directed by researchers of the group.
- Also, we have worked with the Immigration Sub-program for the analysis of data from the National Health Survey 2011-12 to study health and determinants of health in immigrant population.
- The Observatory Health of Inequalities is alive, a scientific portal of free access specializing in Health Inequalities Gapminder, participating in the Inequality Watch project, and developing a Training Plan. It continues to publish and update content on website inequalities.
- Several members of Alicante are part of the WHO collaborating center for issues of social inclusion and health. They participate in the social Interuniversity Institute for Peace and Development at the University of Alicante.
- We have created the forum of public health academics and held its first meeting centered on pharmacy degree and the results will be submitted to the journal Gaceta Sanitaria for consideration as an original article.
- We continue to lead the journal Gaceta Sanitaria (Carme Borrell) and participating in the editorial committee (Carlos Alvarez- Dardet, Carmen Vives, Gloria Pérez).

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Main lines of research

- Prevalent health problems.
- Accidental Injury Epidemiology.
- Health Services.

Most relevant scientific articles

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Highlights

Starting up the Doctoral School of Health Sciences.
Organization of the Research institute Biosanitary of Granada.



PROGRAMME:
DAPET Programme

Epidemiología Clínica y Molecular

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Main lines of research

- Epidemiology and physiopathology of the infection by *Pneumocystis jirovecii*.
- Role of infectious agents as determinants of noncommunicable chronic diseases.
- Development of methods for evaluation and improvement of clinical practice.

Most relevant scientific articles

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- GOROSTIDI M, SARAFIDIS PA, DE LA SIERRA A, SEGURA J, DE LA CRUZ JJ, BANEGRAS JR. Differences between office and 24-hour blood pressure control in hypertensive patients with CKD: A 5,693-patient cross-sectional analysis from Spain. *Am J Kidney Dis.* 2013 Aug;62(2):285-94.
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Highlights

Annual Health Award of the Cuban Ministry of Health for the article "Low genetic diversity of *Pneumocystis jirovecii* among Cuban population based on two-locus mitochondrial typing"

Best oral communication award at the 13th Congress of the Society of Internal Medical of Madrid and Castilla la Mancha for the presentation "Hyponatremia as a prognostic factor for inpatients with first diagnosis of congestive heart failure. Data from PREDICE study."

The organization of the first meeting of experts from Latin-American and Portuguese-speaking countries about Pneumocystosis

GUIDELINE: Consensus on integrated care of acute exacerbations of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (ATINA-EPOC). Part VI. Semergen. 2013; 39: 85-8.



PROGRAMME:
DAPET Programme

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- Modeling and new methods for monitoring the HIV and sexually transmitted infections (STIs).
- Evaluation of preventive interventions for HIV and STI and prevention and control measures.
- Implementation studies and operational research in the early diagnosis of HIV.
- Biological, behavioral and structural determinants in the acquisition and spread of communicable diseases in migrant population.
- Global Health. Design of Multilevel preventive interventions and monitoring of social networks and metrics applied to the study of HIV and STIs epidemics.
- Development and validation of new molecular techniques for STIs diagnosis.
- Study of molecular epidemiology of the hepatitis C virus, and the genetic variability according to antiviral resistance and progression of hepatic fibrosis.

Most relevant scientific articles

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Highlights

CEEISCAT has led the European project HIV COBATEST which included 10 Associated Partners from 8 European countries and 23 Collaborating Partners. One of its main results has been a network of 59 community screening centers in 16 countries in which to operation research. In December, the group signed the Grant Agreement as group leader of a new DG SANCO, Euro HIV EDAT (2014-2017), with a budget of EUR 1.3 million, 13 partners from 8 countries and 14 collaborating countries.

CEEISCAT has consolidated the PISCIS Cohort of HIV positive patients, increasing its coverage in Catalonia (12 hospitals in Catalonia and 2 from the Balearic Islands). Nowadays, the cohort is monitoring 14,000 patients.

CEEISCAT has established the Working Group for early diagnosis of HIV in Primary Health Care in Spain in collaboration with semFYC, CAMFiC, IDIAP Gol and Gurina and Programme for AIDS Prevention and Care Department of Health .

During 2013 the report SIVES 2012 has been published, it included information on HIV and other STIs prevalence, incidence, related risk behavior, diagnostic activity and therapeutic effectiveness. It also included a leaflet with the indicators defined by ECDC available and applicable in Catalonia in 2012 to keep track of the Dublin Declaration and the "Treatment Cascade" to estimate and monitor access to diagnosis and treatment of HIV.

CEEISCAT collaborated on the Technical Report EMIS 2010, which contained the results of the analysis of the survey implemented on the Internet aimed at men who have sex with men in 38 countries of the European Region of WHO. The aim of the survey was to investigate aspects of sexuality , sexual behaviors and STIs in this group.

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Main lines of research

- Epidemiology of chronic diseases, by participation in multicenter cohort studies and in population-based registers of cancer and acute myocardial infarction.
 - Cohort EPIC and associated projects EPIC-Heart, InterAct and Neuro-EPIC.
 - Multicase-Control Study MCC-Spain
 - Spanish Network of Population-based Cancer Registries REDECAN.
 - Cardiovascular diseases and participation in the study FRESCO.
 - Analysis of mortality, trends and analysis of socioeconomic inequalities (MEDEA).
 - Studies on lifestyles and health.
 - Rare Diseases Registry.
- Evaluation of screening programmes.
 - Impact of breast cancer screening programmes.
 - Analysis of the probability of false-positive results in screening mammography.
 - Relationship among false-positive, true positive and adherence to the screening programmes.
 - Mammographic breast density in Spanish women coming to breast cancer screening programmes (DDM-Spain) and association with reproductive & lifestyle factors & genetic determinants (Var-DDM).
- Epidemiological research on infectious diseases and evaluation of the effectiveness and impact of the vaccines:
 - Effectiveness and impact of vaccines: influenza, pneumococcal, varicella, rotavirus, mumps, whooping cough, etc.
 - Investigation of infectious diseases outbreaks.
 - Evaluation of preventive interventions against HIV, tuberculosis, etc.

Most relevant scientific articles

- CASTILLA J, GODOY P, DOMÍNGUEZ A, MARTÍNEZ-BAZ I, ASTRAY J, MARTÍN V, DELGADO-RODRÍGUEZ M, BARICOT M, SOLDEVILA N, MAYORAL JM, QUINTANA JM, GALÁN JC, CASTRO A, GONZÁLEZ-CANDELAS F, GARÍN O, SAEZ M, TAMAMES S, PUMAROLA T; CIBERESP Cases and Controls in Influenza Working Group Spain (Caylà JA). Influenza vaccine effectiveness in preventing outpatient, inpatient, and severe cases of laboratory-confirmed influenza CLIN INFECT DIS. 2013;57(2):167-175.
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- PASTOR-BARRIUSO R, ASCUNCE N, EDERRA M, ERDOZÁIN N, MURILLO A, ALÉS-MARTÍNEZ JE, POLLÁN M. Recalibration of the Gail model for predicting invasive breast cancer risk in Spanish women: a population-based cohort study. Breast Cancer Res Treat. 2013 Feb;138(1):249-59.

Highlights

Participation in the EPIC International cohort study and associated studies (InterAct, EPIC-heart, Neuro-EPIC,). During the last years, this collaboration has generated a large amount of scientific information on the relationship of diet and lifestyle as cause of cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and neurodegenerative diseases.

Set up of the Rare Diseases Registry of Navarra, in connexion with Spanish and European Networks.

Participation in the I-MOVE European Network, funded by the ECDC, for evaluating the influenza vaccine effectiveness. This network is formed by the main Public Health institutes of European countries. We have contributed along with public health agencies of USA, Canada, Australia and other European countries to the GIVE Report (Global Influenza Vaccine Effectiveness) that has been considered by the WHO for the selection of influenza virus strains to be included in the influenza vaccine of the following season.

Evaluation of the vaccination against varicella in Navarra. We have demonstrated a very rapid control of this infection following the introduction of this vaccination in the childhood immunization schedule.

Programme of self-care for patients with asthma. This programme includes a clinical protocol for primary healthcare and a protocol for health education in order to patients know their disease better and take self-care.

Participation in the DDM cohort study to know the determinants in breast density in women, as well as factors specifically associated with changes in mammographic patterns. Participants in the study are the main Spanish breast cancer screening programmes and the Instituto of Health Carlos III.



PROGRAMME:
**Communic. Disease Surveillance,
Prevention and Control**

Grupo de Investigación sobre enfermedades transmisibles en una gran ciudad

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- Application of the new technologies to tuberculosis (TB) control: See the web page of the "TB Investigation Unit of Barcelona" (UITB): <http://www.uitb.cat>. The main objective of UITB is to produce scientific knowledge of relevance on the control, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of TB. Adherence to treatments and contact tracing are the priorities.
- Community health workers' (CHW) role in the control of communicable diseases: With the massive immigration observed since 2000, we incorporated CHW in the prevention and control of infectious diseases. They act as a cultural mediators and as a translators.
- Studies about the increasing incidence of mumps, pertussis and sexually transmitted infections.
- Epidemic outbreaks.
- International Research:
 - Clinical trials for TB: Our centre, which is the only such centre in Europe, is part of a network of international centres associated with the CDCs TB Trials Consortium, promoting international involvement in laying the therapeutic and strategic bases for the treatment of active and latent TB infection (LTBI). (See: "Sterling TR, et al. N Engl J Med. 2011). This paper has changed the treatment of LTBI. Now the recommendation is 3 months once weekly with rifapentine plus isoniazide.
 - Investigate the transmission of hepatitis B in autochthonous and immigrant populations: with several European groups with a grant from Executive Agency for Health and Consumers (Project HepScreen. Screening for hepatitis B and C among migrants in the European Union).
- Translational Investigation: Significant international diffusion has been achieved with our web page. According to Google Analytics, every year we had 10.000-20.000 visits, most of them from Spain and Latin America. From the visits and discussion forum comments, it is clear that we continue to play a key role in Spain and in Latin America.

Most relevant scientific articles

- MARCO A, ESTEBAN JI, SOLÉ C, DA SILVA A, ORTIZ J, ROGET M, SARRIERA C, TEIXIDÓ N, GUERRERO RA, CAYLÀ JA. Hepatitis C virus reinfection among prisoners with sustained virological response after treatment for chronic hepatitis CJ HEPATOL. 2013;59(1):45-51.
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Highlights

PROJECTS:

- CDC-EEUU:

- Study 26: Effectiveness and tolerability of weekly rifapentine/isoniazid for three months given as directly- observed therapy versus daily isoniazid for nine months for the treatment of latent tuberculosis infection.
- Study 26A: The impact of chronic viral hepatitis on patient discontinuation of treatment for latent TB infection due to hepatotoxicity.
- Study 33: Evaluation of adherence to LTBI treatment with 12 doses of once weekly rifapentine and isoniazid given as self-administered versus directly-observed therapy.

- FIS:

- PI240961/10. The use of HIV rapid test in Spain: description of programmes, impact assessment and analysis of its potential use as early diagnosis intervention.
- PII12/02573. Communicable diseases screening in immigrant population based on a low socioeconomic neighbourhood: comparison of two strategies.

- Others:

- Euro TB. HIV-TB coinfección project.
- FIPSE 361036/10. Risk of HIV infection and health access barriers for HIV prevention and testing in Spanish immigrant population.
- SANCO 2010. Executive Agency for Health and Consumers. Screening for hepatitis B and C among migrants in the European Union.
- SEPAR. Validation of a predictive score for non-adherence to tuberculosis treatment.
- Serum Staten Institute TESEC-06. A phase III contact tracing trial comparing the diagnostic performance of C-Tb to QuantiFERON®-TB Gold In-Tube, in combination with a double blind randomized split body safety assessment of C-Tb versus 2 T.U. Tuberculin PPD RT23.

Results: All these projects are producing or have already produced results.

MEDIA:

- TB in big cities video: link <http://youtu.be/mE1nZn3bCmE>
- New UITB website, available at: uitb.cat.

SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES: III Emerging diseases workshop, World TB Day Conference, XVII International UITB workshop on TB, European meetings with HEPSCREEN project and TB in big cities working group.



PROGRAMME:
**Social Determinants
of Health**

Determinantes sociales, medio ambiente, ciudadanía y salud

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Main lines of research

- Environment and Health:
 - Air-pollution and health
 - Exposure assessment and biomonitoring
 - Planning and Health
 - Working conditions and health
- Patients, Citizenship and Health Services:
 - Citizen Expectations
 - Excluded and social exclusion: drugs and social exclusion.
 - Immigration and health
 - Information needs of citizens
- Social Inequalities in Health:
 - Evictions and health
 - Gender inequalities in health
 - Gender and informal care
 - Social and gender inequalities in cardiovascular health
 - Productive-work, gender and health

Most relevant scientific articles

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Highlights

Comparing European Prostitution Policies: Understanding Scales and Cultures of Governance (ProsPol): ProsPol will compare and disseminate knowledge about the multiple contexts, features and effects of prostitution policies at the European, national and local levels. Due to the combined pressures of globalisation and changing patterns of migration, trafficking and the commercialisation of sex, prostitution has received unprecedented levels of attention in the last three decades. This has led to a heightened demand for effective models of regulation, for legal harmonization and sharing practice across jurisdictions. Nevertheless, much is contested in this field, with countries adopting varying approaches in light of their own particular political, social and legal cultures.

Yorie. Young and Old for Regional Identities in Europe: The project aims to empower the construction of European identity based on the reemergence of regional identities through intergenerational support to young adults' personal development to assist transition to the wider community and employment opportunities along with acquisition of key competences in non-formal and informal backgrounds as a non-traditional route back into education and employment.

'PROGRESS TOWARDS HEALTHY AGEING IN EUROPE': The 'PROGRESS TOWARDS HEALTHY AGEING IN EUROPE' project - involving five European countries and are involved far more than 20 organizations, aims to give a joint response to the challenge of establishing political action to support a healthy, active aging and worthy, improving efficiency and effectiveness in the costs involved in the health and social care for an increasingly elderly population. The project proposes initiatives to promote healthy aging in the workplace.



PROGRAMME:
**Epidemiology and Prevention
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Main lines of research

- Epidemiological methods
- Reproductive health epidemiology
- Cancer epidemiology
- Clinical epidemiology on rheumatic diseases

Most relevant scientific articles

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Highlights

Our group participates in two main projects: MCC-Spain and Cases and Controls in Pandemic Influenza Working Group.

MCC-Spain is a multicentre case-control study that has recruited about 10,000 patients among controls and cases of several types of cancer (breast, colorectal, gastric, and prostate cancers, and chronic lymphocytic leukemia). Inside MCC-Spain, this group is carrying out the project "Genetic variants and pathways related with breast and prostate cancer, and their interaction with exposure to endogenous and exogenous sexual hormones: MCC-Spain study" (PI: Javier Llorca), which is funded by Instituto de Salud Carlos III (PI12/00715). The group is member of the PRACTICAL consortium (Prostate Cancer Association Group to Investigate Cancer Associated Alterations in the Genome), which is being funding by NIH and European Union FP7.

The group collaborates with groups from CIBER of obesity and nutrition (CIBER-BN), especially in the SUN project, and with groups from "Red de investigación en inflamación y enfermedades reumáticas" (RIER) on clinical epidemiology of rheumatic diseases, including rheumatoid arthritis, giant cell arteritis, ankylosing spondylitis, and others.

Three doctoral theses have been defended in 2013 on fibromyalgia treatment, acute brain damage, and inequalities in pregnancy control in immigrants.



PROGRAMME:

**Commun. Disease Surveillance,
Prevention and Control**

Group 32

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Main lines of research

- Development of excellence networks for epidemiological surveillance at European level.
- Methodological research for health early warning.
- Evaluation of public health measures against vaccine preventable diseases.
- Spatio-temporal variability study of risk in acquiring and developing infectious diseases.
- Molecular methodology use for detection and control of epidemic outbreaks.
- Developing collaborative and interdisciplinary research in the field of disease surveillance, prevention and control.

Most relevant scientific articles

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Highlights

During 2013 our group is involved in 12 research projects in different competitive research calls at national and international level. Two of these projects are financed by the Ministry of Health "Prevalence of HIV/Chlamydia trachomatis co-infection among clients of STI clinics" and "Risk behaviors for HIV infection in clients of sexually transmitted infections and HIV clinics". The international project "SHIPSAN ACT, studies the impact on maritime transport of health threats due to biological, chemical and radiological agents, including communicable diseases" the associated member from Spain belongs to the group 32. In the field of immunopreventable diseases the project "cycEVA: Case control study measuring A(H1N1) 2009 pandemic and seasonal influenza vaccine effectiveness in Spain within the project several European countries uses common European protocols, with the European network I-MOVE, to evaluate the influenza vaccine effectiveness seasonal or pandemic epidemic.

The Knowledge transfer products were "Revision of pertussis vaccination program in Spain". The study updates the situation of the pertussis vaccination program in Spain and the available evidence for the impact of the different vaccinations strategies on the epidemiology of pertussis. Other Knowledge transfer product was "Report on the estimates of influenza vaccine effectiveness in the 2012/13 seasons", a review of the scientific evidence of influenza vaccine effectiveness 2012-13, to support the WHO Selection Committee in the selection of the influenza strain to be included in the influenza vaccine of the following season. The report includes the results from 16 international studies of influenza vaccine effectiveness both in the north and south hemisphere.



PROGRAMME:
**Commun. Disease Surveillance,
Prevention and Control**

Epidemiología, prevención y control de las enfermedades transmisibles.

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Main lines of research

- Preventable diseases of viral etiology (measles, mumps and rubella) or bacterial etiology (pertussis, pneumococcal disease, meningococcal disease).
- Epidemic outbreaks of communicable diseases.
- Influenza.
- Viral hepatitis.
- Effectiveness and efficiency of vaccination programs.

Most relevant scientific articles

- DOMÍNGUEZ A, GODOY P, CASTILLA J, SOLDEVILA N, TOLEDO D, ASTRAY J. Knowledge of and attitudes to influenza vaccination in healthy primary healthcare workers in Spain, 2011-2012. *PLoS One.* 2013;8(11):e81200.
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- SALA-FARRÉ MR, BRONER S, MORENO A, ARIAS C, GODOY P, MINGUELL S. Cases Of Acute Gastroenteritis Due To Calicivirus In Outbreaks: Clinical Differences By Age And Etiologic Agent. *Clin Microbiol Infect.* 2013 Dec 30;.

Highlights

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS: 45 articles.

PROJECTS IN EXECUTION DURING 2013: 9 projects; 8 as a Principal Investigator and 1 as collaborators.

Projects with a PI member of the group:

- Efficiency of herpes zoster vaccination of immunocompetent persons aged > 50 years living in Catalonia.
- Epidemiology, prevention and control of communicable diseases.
- Technical work in Epidemiology of gastroenteritis of viral etiology in Catalonia.
- Prevalence of pertussis antibodies in umbilical cord samples in Catalonia.
- Effectiveness of 13-valent vaccine in the prevention of pneumococcal invasive disease in children. Case-control study. (European study).
- Effectiveness of influenza and pneumococcal 23-valent polysaccharide vaccination in people 65 years and older.
- Importance of adolescents and adults in the transmission of pertussis in households.
- Evaluation of the effectiveness of 13-valent pneumococcal vaccine in Catalonia.

Collaborators:

- Dynamic cohort of university students to the study of drug and other addictions.

THESIS COMPLETED:

- Virus as the cause in fecal-oral transmission outbreaks in Catalonia. Associated factors. (Director: Àngela Domínguez, PhD Student: Ana Martínez) 21/11/2013.
- Cost effectiveness treatment in latent tuberculosis infection with isoniazid or rifampin. (Director: Àngela Domínguez, PhD Student: Jose María Pina) 29/07/2013.

THESIS CURRENTLY SUPERVISED:

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TRANSFER RESULTS:

- Skilled inform on the immunization schedule of the Generalitat of Catalonia and the administered vaccines to the child Alejandro González Peña. (Domínguez A.)
- Guide of acute respiratory disease associated with a new influenza virus type A (H7N9). (JM Jansà.)
- Guide of severe respiratory disease associated with Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV). (JM Jansà.)
- Protocol to prevent and control rabies. (P. Godoy)
- Antimicrobial and Therapeutic Guide, 2013. (Borras E, Domínguez A.)

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Main lines of research

The team of investigation has developed projects of investigation, generated inside the proper group or in collaboration with other national or international institutions, following principally two principal lines:

1. Epidemiology and control of chronic diseases
2. Epidemiology and prevention environmental diseases during childhood.

The lines of investigation spread and interact with programs of other groups. We takes part in collaborative national projects , that have been strategic projects -MMC-Spain and INMA- and cycEVA and international projects - EPIC-cancer, EPIC-Heart, INTERACT and LEAKAGE, MEDALL, HELIX - together with other CIBER groups.

Most relevant scientific articles

- HUERTA JM, CHIRLAQUE MD, TORMO MJ, GAVRILA D, ARRIOLA L, MORENO-IRIBAS C. Physical activity and risk of cerebrovascular disease in the European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition-Spain study. *Stroke*. 2013 Jan;44(1):111-8.
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- GASCON M, VERNER MA, GUXENS M, GRIMALT JO, FORNS J, IBARLUZEA J ET AL.. Evaluating the neurotoxic effects of lactational exposure to persistent organic pollutants (POPs) in Spanish children. *Neurotoxicology*. 2013 Jan;34:9-15.

Highlights

PI IN THE PROJECT:

- Characterization of the exposition to electromagnetic fields not ionizing radiation in children of the cohort INMA-Gipuzkoa. PI13/02187
- Life styles and genetic susceptibility as predictores of the risk of cancer and of the prognosis and the survival in the cohort. EPIC of Spain. PI13/02509
- BIO12/AL/005: Factivity study of a registryd of Alzheimer disease and other cognitive disorders in Gipuzko

COLLABORATION IN THE PROJECTS:

- PI12/01416: Industrial contamination and incidence of the cancer of children in Spain
- PI12/00002: Diet paterns, antioxidants and biomarkers of the oxidant-antioxidant status in EPIC-Granada and EPIC-Gipuzko cohorts
- PI12/01890: Exposition to emergent pollutants and effects in infantile obesity and metabolic disruption.
- Impact of the risk factors established in the breast cancer in Spain. New risk factors and his potential implication in our country. Study MCC-Spain
- Blood-based cancer detection: Development of an economical, sensitive and rapid paper-based device to detect cell free nucleic acids. PIE13/00048
- "cycEVA: Study of cases and control panel to measure the effectiveness of the anti-flu seasonal and pandemic vaccine in Spain ". (GR09/0017).
- Evaluation of the impact in the health (EIS) of two areas of intervention - regeneration of the bay of Pasaia. (Exp.: 20111051).
- Phase follow up of the children INMA-Gipuzko, at age 8: neuropsicologic development and disorders of the infancy (TDAH, conduct), obesity and asthma. (Exp: 2013111089)

Organization of " 11th SCIENTIFIC MEETING, INMA 2013 ". On November 14 and 15, 2013. Building Carlos Santamaría. University of the Basque Country -Campus Ibaeta. Donostia-San Sebastian Sebastian

International collaboration in studies evaluation of health results in oncologic patients (EUROCARE, CONCORDE)

Collaboration in the creation of the Spanish Network of Population Cancer Registry (REDECAN).



PROGRAMME:

Communic. Disease Surveillance,
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Main lines of research

- Vaccine preventable diseases.

The group of the National Center of Microbiology is the national reference laboratory for measles and rubella as recognized in the corresponding national plans for elimination and accredited by the WHO. Moreover, diagnostic techniques for other vaccine preventable diseases (mumps, pertussis or chickenpox) were studied in the context of specific programs of microbiological surveillance. Additionally to this official activity, the group currently keeps research activity in the following aspects:

- Development and evaluation of diagnostic methodologies for measles virus (MeV, mumps virus MuV) and Rubella virus (RuV), and Bordetella pertussis.
- Sero-epidemiology of MeV, RV and MuV.
- Molecular epidemiology of MeV, MuV and RV.
- Sero-epidemiology of pertussis.
- Sero-epidemiology of influenza.

- Rabies and another bat-associated viruses.

The group of the National Center of Microbiology is officially recognized as national reference laboratory for several zoonoses, including rabies in humans and suspected animals. Additionally to this official activity, the group currently keeps research activity in the following aspects.

- Development and evaluation of diagnostic methodologies for rabies.
- Molecular Epidemiology of canine rabies in Ceuta and Melilla.
- Epidemiology and pathogenesis of bat rabies.
- Search of new potentially emergent viruses in bats.
- Efficiency of rabies vaccines.
- Neurological Diseases of viral etiology. Etiology of meningitis and encephalitis in Spain.
- Polyomavirus disease in the immune-compromised.

Most relevant scientific articles

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- SCHATZ J, FOOKS AR, McELHINNEY L, HORTON D, ECHEVARRIA J, VÁZQUEZ-MORON S ET AL.. Bat rabies surveillance in Europe. *Zoonoses Public Health.* 2013 Feb;60(1):22-34.

Highlights

During year 2013, the group started to work in a collaborative project funded by the special program for health research of the Spanish government, about measles, mumps and rubella. This has been done under the subprogram of vaccine preventable diseases. The program of transmissible diseases has agreed to dedicate the activity of a contracted researcher specifically to the development of this particular project. In fact, a first publication about mumps has been already published as a result of this work complementing the international study about mumps sero-epidemiology published in 2013. Moreover, the group has participated in collaborative studies about pertussis in the frame of projects leaded by other groups of the program. Several relevant studies about rabies have been published during 2013. New rhabdoviruses, one of them a lyssavirus, are described in Spain in two of them. The group also participated on reviews about surveillance of rabies in Europe together with the most relevant groups in the Continent. It has also participated in the revision of the current protocols for rabies prevention in domestic animals and for actuation on animal bites. This revision has been made as a result of the epidemiological alert of imported rabies in June. These studies has been complemented with other on the etiology of viral meningitis and encephalitis in Spain in the frame of another project finished the year before. Finally, a collaborative publication on flu has been published as a part of past CIBER projects .

PROGRAMME:
Clinical Epidemiology

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Main lines of research

- Evidence Based Medicine.
- Diagnosis.
- Clinical prediction rules.
- Effectiveness and efficiency (RCT and SR).

- ABRAIRA V, MURIEL A, EMPARANZA JI, PIJOAN JI, ROYUELA A, PLANAS MN. Reporting quality of survival analyses in medical journals still needs improvement. A minimal requirements proposal.J Clin Epidemiol. 2013 Dec;66(12):1340-6.e5.
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Highlights

During 2013 we have worked in MAPAC (Improving the appropriateness of health care and clinical processes) projects and boosting the MAPAC committee and the committee of Innovation in our center.

Within MAPAC projects we have participated in the project on Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (funded ISCIII) and the project on blood derivates transfusion (Funded by the Department of Health of the Basque Government).

Within the MAPAC committee, we evaluated nearly 300 health care practices versus the "do-not-do" NICE benchmark, and we have conducted a survey to elicit those practices that should be evaluated in our center. Later we will proceed to prioritizing them.

For the Innovation committee, we have established a rapid method for assessing proposal for incorporation of technologies.



PROGRAMME:
**Health Service
Evaluation**

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Main lines of research

The 3 major lines of research evaluation are:

HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT (HTA)

To evaluate the efficacy, safety, effectiveness, efficiency, appropriateness and economic implications, organizational, legal, ethical and social issues of medical technologies, whether preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, organizational, etc. primarily through the review and synthesis of scientific knowledge (published data).

The technologies that most often are subject to evaluation:

- Pharmaceuticals
- Medical devices and procedures
- Diagnostic Techniques
- Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) for health

QUALITY OF HEALTHCARE ASSESSMENT

Evaluation of the safety, effectiveness and efficiency of health interventions and development of instruments for measuring and for improving the quality of health care to improve access, utilization and appropriateness of health services by unpublished data (primary or secondary).

Sub-lines of research:

- Quality Measures: Development and adaptation of indicators, instruments and measurement techniques of processes and outcomes of care.
- Development and adaptation of instruments for measuring Health Related Quality of Life (HRQOL) and Patient Reported Outcomes (PROM).
- Development of improvement strategies through tools / interventions to support clinical practice and health management to promote and ensure equity in access to and utilization of health services.
- Clinical effectiveness: designing strategies for monitoring quality in the provision of healthcare services by means of studies on medical practice variations, effectiveness, safety and efficiency of clinical practice .

ASSESSMENT OF THE SOCIAL IMPACT OF CLINICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH

Ex-post assessment of extramural research (projects, groups, centres, programs or plans), ie, research return to society by:

- The impact or return (primary, secondary and final) of the research carried out in a given area.
- Investment and outcomes (knowledge, publications, patent, applications, training of human resources, benefits for clinical practice and for health) of research in health sciences.

Most relevant scientific articles

- RAJMI L, LÓPEZ AR, LÓPEZ-AGUILÀ S, ALONSO J. Parent-child agreement on health-related quality of life (HRQOL): a longitudinal study. *Health Qual Life Outcomes*. 2013 Jun 20;11(1):101.
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Highlights

Group 15 has relevant national and international projects related to the assessment of health (and eHealth) technology, healthcare quality and social impact research. Specifically in: a) Comparative effectiveness research in health care models for patients with chronic diseases with special emphasis on integrated care, alternatives to hospitalization and tele-medicine/mHealth; b) Analyses of medical practice variations in healthcare procedures and interventions; c) Healthcare registries and risk-adjustment analysis for interventions effectiveness; d) Translation of evidence into clinical practice guidelines with development of recommendations, algorithms and indicators for implementation assessment; e) Predictive models for risk-stratification for specific conditions; and f) Development and validation of patient reported outcomes and patient classification systems. Also, Group 15 is leading diverse projects related to health information and knowledge about the health care system to contribute to improve transparency and accountability on the results of the health system.

Along 2013 Group 15 has participated in more than 10 public-competitive research projects in these areas of expertise (8 at international level), in the majority of them being either IP of the project or of one WP. European projects:

- DECIPHER: First European PCP project in the area of mHealth (Role: coordinator and leader of the Evaluation WP)
- EpSOS (Role: leader of the Evaluation WP)
- Renewing Health (Role: leader of the evaluation of the pilot in Catalonia)
- United4Health (Role: task leader of the Evaluation WP)
- INSPIRE (Role: leader of the Dissemination WP)
- ENIGMA (Role: leader of PCP Deliverables Guidance, Monitoring and Evaluation)
- PEGASO (Role: leader of the overall system trial definition and analysis of results WP)
- DAYSAFE (Role: collaborating partner in 3 WP)

During the same period, researchers have published more than 50 papers in international and national peer-reviewed journals and elaborated numerous transfer products, including clinical practice guidelines, evaluation and policy reports, white papers, web-based observatories, clinical indicators and decision-aids tools.



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Main lines of research

- Structural variations, environment and disease.
- Genetic variants responsible for psychiatric disorders susceptibility.
- Small non-coding RNAs in neurological-neurodegenerative disorders.

Most relevant scientific articles

- BASSAGANYAS L, BEÀ S, ESCARAMÍS G, TORNADOR C, SALAVERRIA I, ZAPATA L. Sporadic and reversible chromothripsis in chronic lymphocytic leukemia revealed by longitudinal genomic analysis. *Leukemia*. 2013 Dec;27(12):2376-9.
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- TRUJILLANO D, RAMOS MD, GONZÁLEZ J, TORNADOR C, SOTILLO F, ESCARAMÍS G. Next generation diagnostics of cystic fibrosis and CFTR-related disorders by targeted multiplex high-coverage resequencing of CFTR. *J Med Genet*. 2013 Jul;50(7):455-62.

Highlights

We have performed a deep characterization of one case of chromotripsy by carrying out a longitudinal analysis of structural variations and point mutations over a period of eleven years of disease evolution, including the analysis of pre-treatment samples, post-treatment and relapsed samples (Bassaganyas et al. *Leukemia*, 2013; Escaramís et al. *PLoS One*, 2013). We have identified association of a specific CNV with adverse reproductive outcomes and with fibromyalgia (Docampo et al. *PLoS One*, 2013; Rodriguez-Revenga et al. *Gene*, 2013). We have identified a common 45-kb deletion that affects BTNL8 and BTNL3, and leads to downregulation of BTNL9 (Aigner et al. *BMC Genet*, 2013).

We have participated in more than 10 GWAS meta-analyses (Bradfield et al. *Nat Genet*, 2012; Horikoshi et al. *Nat Genet*, 2013). The group has developed activities in the study of psychiatric disorders (Real et al. *Pharmacogenomics J*, 2013; Alonso et al. *J Anxiety Disord*, 2013). The group has implemented whole-exome and targeted sequencing as a diagnostic tool in the clinical setting (Trujillano et al. *Eur J Hum Genet*, 2013; Trujillano et al. *J Med Genet*, 2013; Ramos M et al. *Clin Genet*, 2013).

We have characterized small non-coding RNAs (sncRNAs), in brain samples from individuals at different evolutionary stages of Parkinson's disease and control age-matched individuals (Llorens et al. *BMC Genomics*, 2013; Miñones-Moyano et al. *RNA Biol*, 2013); and have contributed to a large international effort to evaluate profiles of RNA in cell lines from individuals that are part of the 1000 genome sequencing project (Lappalainen et al. *Nature*, 2013; 't Hoen Pet al. *Nat Biotechnol*, 2013). The group is evaluating the role of small CAG and CGG repeated RNA (sCAG and sCGG) in generating toxic effects in neurons in Huntington's disease and fragile X-associated tremor ataxia syndrome (Mateu et al. *Neurobiol Dis*, in press).



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Main lines of research

- The Epidemiology Unit is devoted primarily to outcomes evaluation and effectiveness evaluation in cardiovascular interventions.

Most relevant scientific articles

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Highlights

Consistent research lines along time, as mentioned in a previous paragraph (outcomes evaluation and effectiveness evaluation in cardiovascular interventions), have been prominent feature of our Unit. Therefore, the action that we take as the most relevant for 2013 has been to be able to develop and carry out a project such as the TEVAS(FIS: PI10/369) study, which 1) Represents a combination of the two mentioned research lines into a single project; the choice of this project, on the other hand, represents an issue of the utmost relevance for the present times (a cost/effectiveness evaluation of a therapeutic innovation such as the percutaneous aortic valve replacement); and 2) Represents an endeavor towards multidisciplinary work, as it implies the coordination within the research group of clinical cardiologists, interventional cardiologists and cardiac surgeons, in addition to other professionals, such as neurologists, psychologists, economists and nurses from several centers and institutions.

On the other hand, the activity of the Unit has widened, within the mentioned research lines, to the design of a study using large databases (FIS PI13/00399 (2014 -16). This represents a contribution, new in our area, to an endeavor for merging databases from different health institutions. The Unit evolution towards multidisciplinary activity has evolved in 2013 into the cooperation with different Spanish Internal Medicine and Infectious diseases Services in a project aiming at the development of a risk score in patients with infective endocarditis undergoing surgical valve replacement.

The three mentioned activities show the way how our Unit has undergone a qualitative growth during 2013.



PROGRAMME:
**Social Determinants
of Health**

**Epidemiología y políticas de salud sobre consumo de drogas,
comportamientos sexuales y otras conductas, infección por VIH
y problemas de salud en poblaciones socialmente vulnerables**

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Main lines of research

- Epidemiology and patterns of drug consumption and associated health problems, with especial attention to infectious diseases, psychiatric comorbidities, injuries and excessive mortality.
- Epidemiology of sexual risk behaviours and associated infections, especially the development of HIV diagnosis policies to promote the control of the epidemic and decrease delayed diagnosis.
- Study of the social determinants of behaviours, health related problems and mortality with especial attention to the socioeconomic position both contextual and individual.
- Impact of social, economic and health policies on health inequalities and the mortality risk by cause of death, with especial attention to the most socially vulnerable groups (migrants, drug consumers, sex workers etc.)

Most relevant scientific articles

- PULIDO J, MOLIST G, DOMINGO-SALVANY A, BRUGAL MT, SANCHEZ-NIUBO A, BARRIO G, DE LA FUENTE L, ITINERE INVESTIGATORS. Predictors of change in cocaine use in a street-recruited cohort of young cocaine users. *Addiction*, [Epub ahead of print]
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Highlights

In the international context, our group has been participating in projects integrated in the Seventh EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, a Joint Action and an Action Cost as well as projects of the Consumers, Health and Food executive Agency and national Institutes of Health (USA). We have been hired by the European Monitoring Center for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) and the European Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (ECDC) for the assessment and analysis of their epidemiological information.

In Spain, we have led several research projects of the Health Strategic Action, of the State Research, development and innovation Programme oriented to Society Challenges (2013-2016) and its previous versions, research projects-contracts of national public organisms (The Drug National Plan, The Ministry of health, The woman institute, General Traffic Directorate, etc.), public-private (Spanish Foundation for the Research on HIV(FIPSE)) and exclusively private (Mutua Madrileña, Spanish Association for the Fight against Cancer, Health Sciences Foundation etc.), among which the projects related to the Itinere cohort should be highlighted. We contribute to the training of new researchers by receiving resident physicians, pre and post doc contracts etc.

We have been applying our experience and the findings of our epidemiology and public health research participating as experts in both international (EMCDDA) and national organisms (DGT, national and regional HIV and drug plans), for the development of methodological tools for data collection and for the training of professionals in this field. We have translated our experience, training and research results to the design of epidemiological data collection systems both national and regional (National health survey, The Spanish House-based survey on alcohol and drugs, State based survey on drug use in secondary education, Evolution of the health indicators in Spain, etc) as well as the national and regional prevention and assistential plans and guides.



PROGRAMME:
**Health Service
Evaluation**

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Main lines of research

- OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH PROBLEMS**

In addition to work-related illnesses and workplace injuries, we are also interested in studying sickness absence, whether temporary or permanent, especially due to musculoskeletal and mental disorders, and the prognosis (duration) to return to work.

- OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH POLICIES**

The development of the Labour Risk Prevention Law (1995), through the Labour risk prevention management and the implementation of the Planes de Actuación Preferente (Priority Action Plans), developed by most of the Spanish Autonomous Communities in 2000, has managed to provide the development of most resources devoted to occupational health in the country. The CiSAL is contributing to assess the quality of such policies and to evaluate their effectiveness.

- OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

The targets of the CiSAL are to have better information, of higher quality and organized so that it can be used appropriately. Whom develop projects of methodological character to improve the utility of the Work and Health Conditions Surveys, as well as the creation of a useful employment-exposition matrix for the investigation of new risks and the labour risk prevention management.

Most relevant scientific articles

- OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH INEQUALITIES

The existence of the highest rates of temporary employment in the European Union, as an indicator of precariousness, and the incorporation of a large number of workers born in countries outside the EU in the last 15 years, are research priorities at CISAL, in order to provide the best information available to help adopt more effective policies to protect the health of these workers.

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- AGUDELO-SUÁREZ AA, RONDA E, VÁZQUEZ-NAVARRETE ML, GARCÍA AM, MARTÍNEZ JM, BENAVIDES FG. Impact of economic crisis on mental health of migrant workers: what happened with migrants who came to Spain to work? *Int J Public Health*. 2013 Aug;58(4):627-31.
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Highlights

The CISAL is recognized as a research group of the Universitat Pompeu Fabra (since 1998) and the Agencia de Gestión de Ayudas Universitarias y de Investigación (AGAUR, Generalitat de Catalunya) (since 2002) as well as a consolidated group of CIBERESP by the Instituto de Salud Carlos III (since 2008), and is affiliated with the el Instituto hospital del Mar d' Investigacions Mèdiques IMIM Parc de Salut MAR (from 2014).

CiSAL's objective is to study occupational health issues of important implications for employees, businesses and governments that are particularly relevant for Social Welfare Systems. CiSAL's research focuses on a range of contemporary work related health problems including musculoskeletal disorders; workplace injuries; prevention programs; and the determinants of sickness absence and temporary/permanent disability. Our studies also examine working conditions and their respective impact on health, emphasizing certain groups of especial interest due to their particular vulnerability and targeting ageing population, women, migrants and precarious employment.

CiSAL has been involved in numerous Research Projects, including: the Central American Survey of Working Conditions and Health (ECCTS); Cultural and Psychosocial influences on Disability (CUPID); Participatory Ergonomics (ERGOPAR); Immigration, Work and Health (ITSAL) II; Continuous Working Lives Cohort (MCVL), related to labour disability; Spanish Job Exposure Matrix (MatEmESp) and the EU funded E-Capacit8 project. During 2013, the result of this activity has generated 23 articles published in scientific journals, 55 books or book chapters, 4 reports, produced 4 doctoral thesis, 9 master's thesis, and participated in various national and international conferences.



PROGRAMME:
**Epidemiology and Prevention
of Chronic Diseases**

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Main lines of research

- **BANAL DISEASES.** This research line aims to analyze the role of environmental (psychological, nutritional, behavioral) and genetic exposure factors, as well as the interaction of both the increased risk of disease or very frequent symptoms, without extreme gravity but with high impact on quality of life and economy. Among these pathologies are the common cold, aphthous stomatitis, headaches, allergic rhinitis, dysmenorrhea and premenstrual syndrome. The objective in the next years is to study the determinant of the most common symptom: pain.
- **CANCER EPIDEMIOLOGY.** Our group has made significant progress in the cancer epidemiology in recent years, especially in cancers related to environmental factors. Within this area we intend to determine whether exposure to residential radon influences other cancers apart from lung cancer and on the biological mechanisms through what the residential radon can cause lung cancer. We intend to go deeper and broader in the national multicenter study LCRINS (Lung Cancer Risk in Never Smokers) and to maximize the services of the Radon Laboratory of Galicia, the only residential radon laboratory recognized by the Nuclear Safety Council of northwest of Spain.
- **PHARMACOEPIDEMIOLOGY** research line has identified important determinants for prescribing, dispensing, and reporting of adverse drug reactions. Currently we have implemented three large-scale community trials (at the level of Galicia and north of Portugal) to identify and to modify associated factors with poor

prescribing/dispensing/use of antibiotics in order to reduce their resistances. We are also developing studies to further identify the genetic factors of adverse reactions to drugs most relevant from the point of view of public health, such as gastrointestinal bleeding.

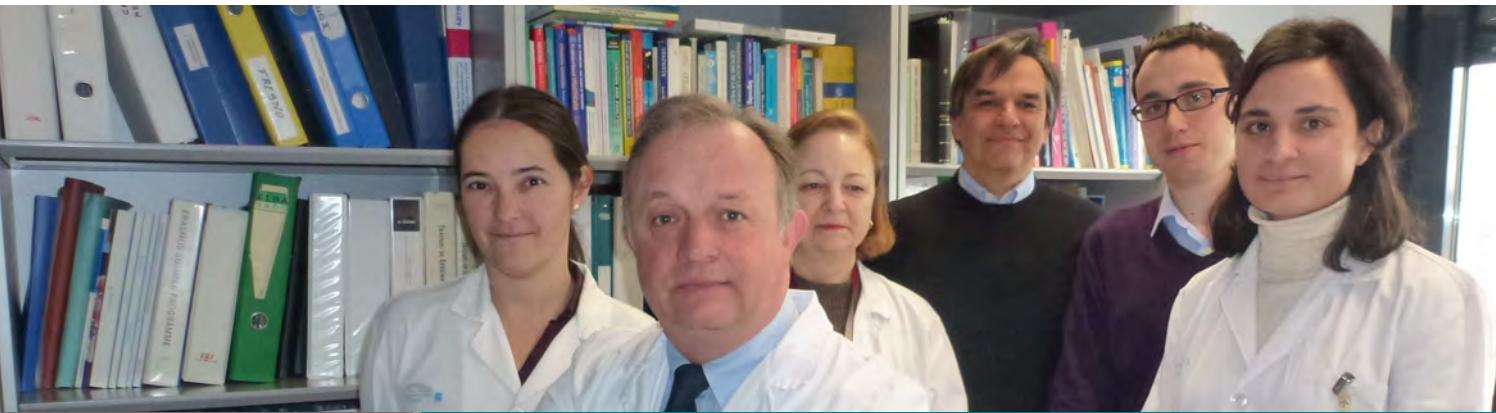
- TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT AND HEALTH SERVICES. Our group aims to provide support within a consolidated evaluation activity such as technology assessment, services and health interventions through various mechanisms, one of them being the systematic reviews and the meta-analysis. The meta-analysis is the knowledge evaluation system more widely used in epidemiology. The level of evidence derived from the meta-analysis is the highest and exceeds the experimental design. The objective in the following years is to propose a free-use package software that allows the non specialized scientific community to perform intuitively and with a minimal advice a meta-analysis from the first steps to the final proposal. This project is in a very advanced state of development. Also, the methodological elements will be investigated, such as heterogeneity and publication bias, and these methodological knowledge will be used to apply to specific meta-analysis, collaborating with the clinical services interested.

Most relevant scientific articles

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Highlights

During 2013 the research line in cancer epidemiology has had 3 projects financed, two from the FIS and one regional. Between 2013 and 2014 several articles have been published in the first decile and quartile journals, essentially studies related to the multicenter research on lung cancer in never smokers and ecological studies linking exposure to residential radon with various tumours. The DNA-repair project has been initiated which aims to include 1,400 subjects in the next 3 years and to analyze the biological mechanism through what radon causes lung cancer. The members of the research line in pharmacoepidemiology have participated in two research projects, one from the FIS and the other one financed by the FTC (Financing Agency in Portugal). During 2013 and 2014 members from this research line have collaborated as editors at a journal in the first quartile (Drug Saf), and have published articles in first decile (JAMA) and quartile (Drug Saf, J Neurol, Int J Antimicrob Agents) journals.



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Clinical Epidemiology

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Main lines of research

- Development and validation of CLINICAL PREDICTION RULES:

This group has been coordinator THEME COOPERATIVE RESEARCH NETWORK 03/090 for the development of methodologies for the implementation and management of knowledge in clinical practice and this node responsible for the line of research prognostic development of clinical prediction rules.

Since 1995 develops the research methodology in prognostic studies on predictive methods and conducting projects on clinical prediction rules in cardiovascular diseases, oncology, rheumatology [FIS96/1809], [FIS02/0242], [P-FIS03/248], [FIS03/0046], [FIS04/019].

Participation and collaboration in the following projects:

- FIS Project PS07/0945 "Prediction of mortality in patients hospitalized for heart failure: building predictive models." The results are published in Cardiology Journal "Role of biological and non biological factors in Congestive Heart Failure mortality: PREDICE-SCORE, a Clinical Prediction Rule" (J Cardiol 2012;19, 6:578-585).

- FIS Project 05/1862 "Validation of clinical prediction rules in recurrent stroke." Publication: Recurrence after a first-ever ischemic Stroke Development of a Clinical Prediction Rule. Research in Neurology: An International Journal Vol 2013 (2013) Article ID264063.

- CHRONIC DISEASE: FIS IntraSalud10/02123 projects."Study DRECE V. (Diet and Cardiovascular Risk in Spain.) 20 years of monitoring of a Spanish cohort." [PI10/02123]

Study DRECE V (Diet and Risk of Cardiovascular Disease in Spain), which aims are to determine the association between diet and overall mortality and cardiovascular in Spain. Describe patterns and nutritional study of cardiovascular risk factors and their association with mortality.

Most relevant scientific articles

- FERNÁNDEZ-RUÍZ M, LÓPEZ-MEDRANO F, VARELA-PEÑA P, MORALES JM, GARCÍA-REYNE A, SAN JUAN R. Hypocomplementemia in kidney transplant recipients: impact on the risk of infectious complications. *Am J Transplant.* 2013 Mar;13(3):685-94.
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- GERMANY L, EHLLINGER V, KLAPOUSZCZAK D, DELOBEL M, HOLLÓDY K, SELLIER E. Trends in prevalence and characteristics of post-neonatal cerebral palsy cases: a European registry-based study. *Res Dev Disabil.* 2013 May;34(5):1669-77.

Highlights

Participation and collaboration in Research projects linked to subprogramme MAPAC of CIBERESP (P7).

1) VALIDATION OF BLEEDING AND TROMBOTIC RISK PREDICTION SCALES. EVALUATION OF EFFECTIVENESS IN PATIENTS WITH ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROME.

Project [PI13/02502]

TITLE: Antithrombotic management in stended patients for st-elevation myocardial infarction: Subproject 4: effectiveness and validation of bleeding and trombotic risk stratification, the aim is to assess correlation between appropriateness of the recommendations of antiplatelet /ACO and effectiveness predictive of bleeding and thrombotic risk prognostic stratification scales Thrombotic risk [CHADS2 and CHA2DS2-VASc] and hemorrhagic risk [HEMORRHAGES, HAS-BLED and ATRIA score]. Validation and comparison of the predictive ability of these scales.

2) EVALUATION OF THE ADEQUACY OF HEALTH INTERVENTIONS:

-Project [PI13/00399]. TITLE: Antiagregation in ST-elevation myocardial infarction revascularized with STENT. Subproject 1: effectiveness and variability of the clinical practice, the aim is to evaluate the variability in clinical practice the use of antiplatelet/anticoagulation and effectiveness of different patterns.

-Project [PIIMAS12/Amgen02]. TITLE: "Effectiveness of a Decision-Making Tool optimize appropriateness of colonoscopy in high risk colon cancer population." Funding Entity (AMGEN)

EXCELLENCE INTEGRATED PROJECT BY INSTITUTES OF HEALTH RESEARCH

-Project [PIE13/00045]. TITLE: "Innovative strategies to seek novel biomarkers and predictive models in solid organ transplantation. Establishing transplant personalized medicine"

Other activities of the group

- Epidemiological and methodological advice to professionals.
- Participation in scientific meetings and congresses
- Course Methodological Bases of Biomedical Research (24th Edition)
- Statistical Analysis Courses
- Course on systematic reviews and meta-analysis.
- Doctoral thesis direction
- Tutoring of Resident Physicians (MIR) rotations by the Epidemiology and Clinical Research Unit.

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Main lines of research

- Clinical epidemiology, evaluation of health technologies, assessment of diagnostic test and screening tests.
- Health services research, patient security and health care quality
- Preventive medicine
- Active aging
- Politics and health policies, health governance.

Most relevant scientific articles

- PARKER LA, SAEZ NG, PORTA M, HERNÁNDEZ-AGUADO I, LUMBRERAS B. The impact of including different study designs in meta-analyses of diagnostic accuracy studies. *Eur J Epidemiol.* 2013 Sep;28(9):713-20.
- HERNÁNDEZ-AGUADO I. The tobacco ban in Spain: how it happened, a vision from inside the government. *J Epidemiol Community Health.* 2013 Jul;67(7):542-3.
- MARTÍN-DELGADO MC, FERNÁNDEZ-MAILLO M, BAÑERES-AMELLA J, CAMPILLO-ARTERO C, CABRÉ-PERICAS L, ANGLÉS-COLL R ET AL.. [Consensus conference on providing information of adverse events to patients and relatives]. *Rev Calid Asist.* 2013 Nov-Dec;28(6):381-9.
- ESPINA C, PORTA M, SCHÜZ J, AGUADO IH, PERCIVAL RV, DORA C ET AL.. Environmental and occupational interventions for primary prevention of cancer: a cross-sectorial policy framework. *Environ Health Perspect.* 2013 Apr;121(4):420-6, 426e1-7.

Highlights

We have applied and have obtained two Research grants from FIS in the area of clinical epidemiology and in the area of health services Research. In 2013 we joined the Action Group on Prescription and adherence to medical plans of the European Comission inserted in the strategy healthy ageing (further information: http://ec.europa.eu/research/innovation-union/index_en.cfm?section=active-healthy-ageing).

We also have integrated in the Task Force PaSQ. European Union Network for Patient Safety and Quality of Care.

In the academic field our group coordinate the Official PhD program on public health, medical and chirurgical sciences. Finally, the head of the group has been elected president of the Spanish Association of Public health and member of the Governing Council of the World Federation of Public Health Associations.

PROGRAMME:
**Epidemiology and Prevention
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Main lines of research

The main research of the group is focused in environmental, occupational and genetic factors related to cancer, respiratory disease and child health. Among the main exposures, the group is focused on radiations (smartphones, UV, ionizing), water pollutants (disinfection by-products in drinking water and swimming pools), air pollution, transport and green spaces in urban areas, hormonal disruption, life style (diet, passive smoking), as well as occupational studies in cleaning workers and shift-work and circadian cycle disruption. In the last years we have applied new technologies to assess the exposure (e.g. Smartphones), extensively used new biomedical technologies (Exposome, biomarkers, genomics, epigenetics, metabolomics) and implemented complex statistics and bioinformatics methods. The group has an important international reputation and devotes considerable efforts in education, dissemination and knowledge transfer. Research of the group is funded by grants from FIS, FP7 (EU), and NIH (USA).

Most relevant scientific articles

- ROBLES C, VISCIKI R, MALATS N, SILVERMAN DT, TARDON A, GARCÍA-CLOSAS R. Bladder cancer and seroreactivity to BK, JC and Merkel cell polyomaviruses: the Spanish bladder cancer study. *Int J Cancer.* 2013 Aug 1;133(3):597-603.
- SALAS LA, CANTOR KP, TARDON A, SERRA C, CARRATO A, GARCÍA-CLOSAS R ET AL.. Biological and statistical approaches for modeling exposure to specific trihalomethanes and bladder cancer risk. *Am J Epidemiol.* 2013 Aug 15;178(4):652-60.
- DADVAND P, FIGUERAS F, BASAGAÑA X, BEELEN R, MARTÍNEZ D, CIRACH M, SCHEMBARI A, HOEK G, BRUNEKREEF B, NIEUWENHUIJSSEN MJ. Ambient air pollution and preeclampsia: a spatio-temporal analysis. *Environmental Health & Perspectives.* 2013;121(11-12):1365-71.
- PEDERSEN M, GIORGIS-ALLEMAND L, BERNARD C, AGUILERA I, ANDERSEN AM, BALLESTER F. Ambient air pollution and low birthweight: a European cohort study (ESCAPE). *Lancet Respir Med.* 2013 Nov;1(9):695-704.
- TURNER MC, KREWSKI D, ARMSTRONG BK, CHETRIT A, GILES GG, HOURS M, McBRIDE ML, PARENT ME, SADETZKI S, SIEMIATYCKI J, WOODWARD A, CARDIS E. Allergy and brain tumors in the INTERPHONE study: pooled results from Australia, Canada, France, Israel, and New Zealand. *Cancer Causes & Control.* 2013;24(5):949-60.

Highlights

During this period, the group has kept a stable structure, which is currently integrated by 57 persons (7 PIs, and 10 postdocs). A main study in Spain is the MCC-Sp study within CIBERESP that is co-coordinated by the group and that is among the largest population based cancer studies in Spain evaluating common cancers (prostate, breast, colorectal, stomach and chronic lymphocytic leukaemias) and including 10,137 subjects enrolled in 12 provinces. The group has implemented a wide international research portfolio leading 4 International projects (PHENOTYPE, GERONIMO, MOBI-KIDS, INTEROCC) and having a key role in 10 EU funded projects including EPI-CT, EXPOSOMICS, HELIX. The research output in this period (2013) includes 86 research papers in PubMed. There is very close collaboration with numerous groups in the area of epidemiology, exposure assessment and laboratory work in Spain (CSIC, CRG, ISCIII, CNIO) and internationally (NCI, USA, INSERM, France, Imperial College, London, IRAS, Utrecht). Communication is an important aspects of the groups work through press releases, news in our website and social media. The work of the group has a significant impact in the mass media (press, TV, radio, online publications) that published more 250 articles referring to research from the group. The group has an active community outreach activity involving regular school visits and frequent participation in open activities in the community. Postgraduate teaching is mostly in the Master of Public Health, UPF but also in other national and international courses. During 2013, three doctoral theses directed by members of the group were successfully defended. Members of the group participate in several national or international expert committees such as IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans and are members of the editorial boards of journals such as Environmental Health Perspectives and occupational Environmental Medicine.



PROGRAMME:
**Social Determinants
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Evaluación de programas y políticas de salud pública

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Main lines of research

The main research line of the group is the evaluation of public health policies and programmes, which includes:

- Monitoring of behaviours and other health risk factors such as environmental exposures;
- Process, impact and economic evaluation of public health policies and programmes.
- Innovative topics on evaluation, such as the evaluation related to the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in public health.

Most relevant scientific articles

- GARCÍA-ALTÉS A, SUELVES JM, BARBERÍA E. Cost savings associated with 10 years of road safety policies in Catalonia, Spain. *Bull World Health Organ.* 2013 Jan 1;91(1):28-35.
- LÓPEZ MJ, FERNÁNDEZ E, PÉREZ-RIOS M, MARTÍNEZ-SÁNCHEZ JM, SCHIAFFINO A, GALÁN I. Impact of the 2011 Spanish smoking ban in hospitality venues: indoor second-hand smoke exposure and influence of outdoor smoking. *Nicotine Tob Res.* 2013 May;15(5):992-6.
- BLANCH C, FERNÁNDEZ E, MARTÍNEZ-SÁNCHEZ JM, ARIZA C, LÓPEZ MJ, MONCADA A. Impact of a multi-level intervention to prevent secondhand smoke exposure in schoolchildren: a randomized cluster community trial. *Prev Med.* 2013 Nov;57(5):585-90.
- KUMAR P, RÚBIAS A, CENTRICH F, GRANADOS M, CORTÉS-FRANCISCO N, CAIXACH J. Targeted analysis with benchtop quadrupole-orbitrap hybrid mass spectrometer: application to determination of synthetic hormones in animal urine. *Anal Chim Acta.* 2013 May 30;780:65-73.
- SUREDA X, FERNÁNDEZ E, LÓPEZ MJ, NEBOT M. Secondhand tobacco smoke exposure in open and semi-open settings: a systematic review. *Environ Health Perspect.* 2013 Jul;121(7):766-73.

Highlights

During 2013 the scientific activity of the group has been particularly significant, with more than half of scientific papers published in international first quartile journals. The group has also been involved in several research projects, all them obtained in competitive calls. Also in 2013 two researchers from the group have obtained two new FIS projects that will begin in January 2014. One of the projects is related to factors associated with the development of breast cancer in a cohort of women, while the other one is focused on exposure to environmental tobacco smoke in children under 12 years. Also noteworthy is the high number of presentations at scientific conferences, as well as lectures at international conferences such as the Annual Meeting of the German, Austrian and Swiss Associations for Hematology and Oncology and the International Conference on Tobacco Prevention and Control. Regarding teaching, some researchers of the group are teaching at official masters like the Master of Public Health (Universitat Pompeu Fabra) or the Master of Tropical Medicine and International Health (Autonomous University of Barcelona). In addition, some members of the group are directors of PhD thesis currently in progress. Finally, it is important to notice that the group is accredited as emerging research group on evaluation of policies and public health programs for the Agency for Administration of University and Research Grants (AGAUR) of the Generalitat de Catalunya.



PROGRAMME:

Epidemiology and Prevention of Chronic Diseases

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Main lines of research

The activities of the Environmental Epidemiology and Cancer Unit of the National Center of Epidemiology (CNE) continue and broaden the experience of the Cancer Epidemiology Unit, established in 1991. The group mainly works on three research lines: 1) Surveillance of cancer burden in Spain, where our unit is considered a national reference in the study of the spatial and temporal distribution of this group of diseases, 2) environmental, occupational and life style epidemiology research, exploring the impact of environmental exposures in cancer both from an ecological point of view -possible effects of industrial pollution or physical agents- as well as using individual measurements of exposure in case-control and cohort studies; those projects related with biomonitoring in general population- can also be included in this research line and 3) genetics and molecular cancer epidemiology, especially in breast cancer. Accordingly, The activities of the Unit, therefore, cover a wide range of topics in etiological research of different types of cancer and in the development of innovative methods of study design and data analysis. Most of the activities integrate researchers and groups external to the ISCIII and belonging to different disciplines.

Most relevant scientific articles

- BOLDO E, LINARES C, ARAGONÉS N, LUMBRERAS J, BORGE R, DE LA PAZ D, PÉREZ-GÓMEZ B, FERNÁNDEZ-NAVARRO P, POLLÁN M, RAMIS R, MORENO T, KARANASIOU A, LÓPEZ-ABENTE G. Air quality modeling and mortality impact of fine particles reduction policies in Spain. *Environmental Res.* 2013;:15-26.
- GARCÍA-PÉREZ J, FERNÁNDEZ-NAVARRO P, CASTELLÓ A, LÓPEZ-CIMA MF, RAMIS R, BOLDO E, LÓPEZ-ABENTE G. Cancer mortality in towns in the vicinity of incinerators and installations for the recovery or disposal of hazardous waste. *Environment International.* 2013;51:31-44.
- LÓPEZ-ABENTE, G ; VIDAL-OCABO, E ; TELLO-ANCHUELA, O; ARAGONES, N; GARCÍA-PÉREZ, J; PASTOR-BARRIUSO, R; PÉREZ-GÓMEZ, B; JIMÉNEZ, MA; MARTÍN-VALDEPENAS, JM; GARCÍA-TALAVERA, M; RAMOS, L; POLLÁN, M. Exposure to ionising radiations arising from the operation of nuclear installations and cancer mortality. *International Journal of Environmental Science and Technology.* 2013;1:97-110.
- PASTOR-BARRIUSO R, ASCUNCE N, EDERRA M, ERDOZÁIN N, MURILLO A, ALÉS-MARTÍNEZ JE, POLLÁN M. Recalibration of the Gail model for predicting invasive breast cancer risk in Spanish women: a population-based cohort study. *Breast Cancer Res Treat.* 2013 Feb;138(1):249-59.
- POLLÁN M, ASCUNCE N, EDERRA M, MURILLO A, ERDOZÁIN N, ALÉS-MARTÍNEZ JE. Mammographic density and risk of breast cancer according to tumor characteristics and mode of detection: a Spanish population-based case-control study. *Breast Cancer Res.* 2013 Jan 29;15(1):R9.

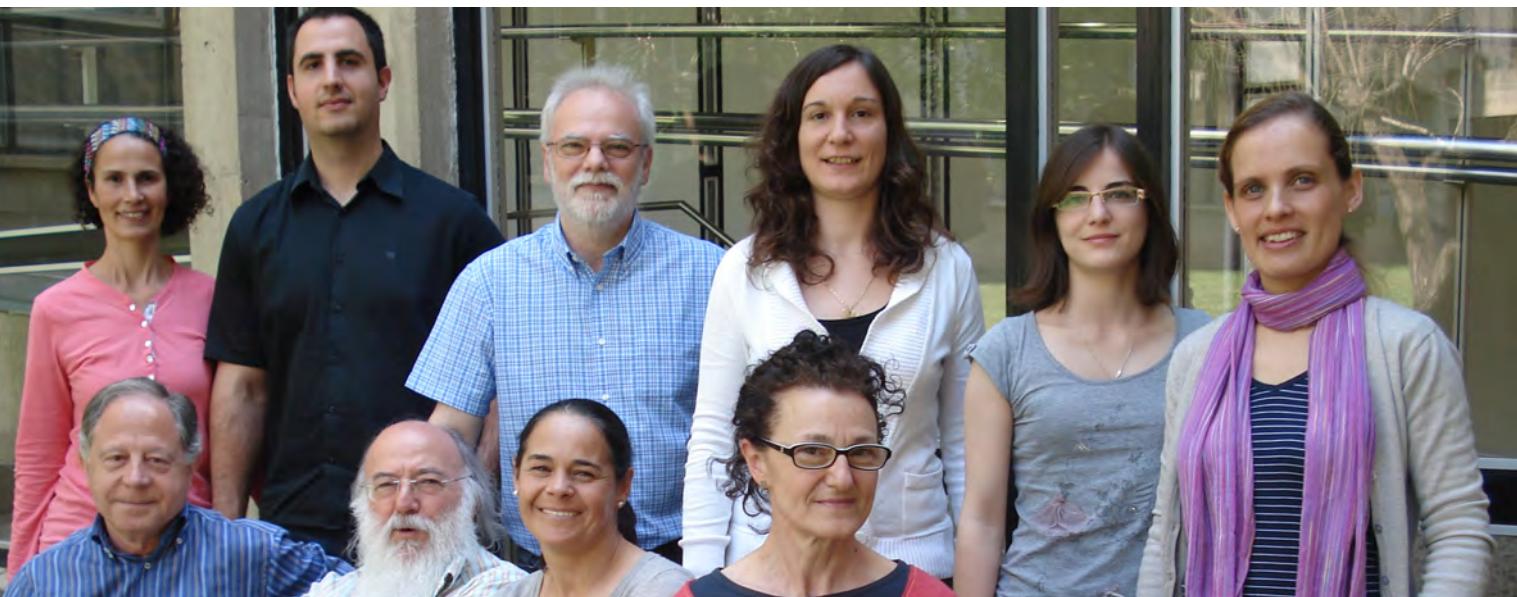
Highlights

During 2013, the members of the Environmental Epidemiology and Cancer Unit collaborated in 14 research projects funded in competitive concurrency, participation and leadership in collaborative studies can be highlighted in the following projects: 1) Project MCC-Spain, multicentric multicase-control study on the role of environmental factors in the etiology of the most prevalent cancers in Spain; 2) DDM studies on mammographic density as intermediate phenotype for breast cancer; 3) Industrial pollution and cancer in Spain; and 4) Mobikids project (radiofrequency and brain cancer in teenagers and young adults).

In the last five years (from 2008 to 2013) the scientific production of the group has evolved from 29 publications (27 in international journals) to 49 (44 in international journals), which represent an increase close to 60%. In addition, the Unit has incorporated 10 researchers thanks to research project funds. The group investigators were also involved in various scientific committees, and have maintained an intense teaching activity.

The memory of the group in 2013 can be found at:

<http://www.isciii.es/ISCIII/es/contenidos/fd-servicios-cientifico-tecnicos/fd-vigilancias-alertas/fd-epidemiologia-ambiental-y-cancer/memoria-area-epi-ambiental-y-cancer-2013.pdf>



PROGRAMME:
**Ep. and Prev. Environmental
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Main lines of research

- GENOTOXIC/CARCINOGENIC MECHANISMS OF ARSENIC

This research field involves both in vitro and biomonitoring studies with exposed populations. The most interesting recent results can be summarized as:

- In the human populations studied (Chile and Mexico), the exposed people (never mind if they are occupationally or environmentally exposed) present high levels of genetic damage.
- We have found a new polymorphism of the AS3MT gene (Met287Thr) acting as an important modulator of the genetic risk. Individuals carrying such variant accumulate the metabolite MMA(III) that is the arsenic specie showing the highest genotoxic potentiality.
- We have generated a wide set of in vitro tools to evaluate the carcinogenic potential of arsenic.
- We have demonstrated for first time that oxidative damage plays an important role in both the genotoxicity and carcinogenicity of arsenic.

- RISK FACTORS IN PATIENTS WITH THYROID PATHOLOGIES

The most important goals reached in this research line can be summarized as follows:

- We have found a region in chromosome 1p12 showing a strong association with thyroid cancer. In this region there is a new gene (WDR3) responsible of the observed association.
- We have found associations between different genes involved in the repair of DNA (OGG1, XRCC1, XRCC2 and XRCC3) and the metabolism of thyroid (TG) and the thyroid cancer.
- In a wide study of all the genome (GWA), carried out with samples from four European populations we have found a strong association with the rs6759952 polymorphism of the DIRC3 gene.

- Finally, in a collaborative study with Italian groups we have shown for first time that the thyroperoxidase gene (TPO) is involved in the risk of suffering thyroid cancer.

- RISK FACTORS IN PATIENTS WITH KIDNEY THYROID PATHOLOGIES

The most important recent goals of this research line are as follows:

- We have found that patients with chronic renal failure (CRF) present high levels of genetic damage at both primary and fixed level.
- The CRF patients are characterized by genomic instability. This supposes that these patients are extremely sensitive to the environmental genotoxins.
- CRF patients present high mortality, but not specific causes have been found.
- DNA oxidative damage and its inability to repair it is an important factor explaining why these patients show high levels of genetic damage.

- GENOTOXIC MECHANISMS OF NANOMATERIALS.

This is a recent research line aiming to determine the risk that can suppose the presence of these new materials in our near environment.

The obtained results until now indicate that

- Silver in its nanoparticulated form is able of induce genotoxic damage in vivo as we have demonstrated in *Drosophila*.
- We have detected several nanomaterials such as titanium dioxide and zinc oxide modulate the genotoxic effects induced by UV light.
- Long-term exposures to sub-toxic doses of cobalt nanoparticles induce cell transformation as well as other markers of tumoral processes.
- Cerium nanoparticles pose antioxidant potential both in vivo and in vitro.

Most relevant scientific articles

- CIPOLLINI M, PASTOR S, GEMIGNANI F, CASTELL J, GARRITANO S, BONOTTI A. TPO genetic variants and risk of differentiated thyroid carcinoma in two European populations. *Int J Cancer*. 2013 Dec 15;133(12):2843-51.
- PASTORET A, MARCOS R, SAMPYO-REYES A, SAUCEDO-CARDENAS O, LOZANO-GARZA GH, HERNÁNDEZ A. Inhibition of hepatocyte nuclear factor 1 and 4 alpha (HNF1 α and HNF4 α) as a mechanism of arsenic carcinogenesis. *Arch Toxicol*. 2013 Jun;87(6):1001-12.
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- LANDA I, BOULLOSA C, INGLADA-PÉREZ L, SASTRE-PERONA A, PASTOR S, VELÁZQUEZ A. An epistatic interaction between the PAX8 and STK17B genes in papillary thyroid cancer susceptibility. *PLoS One*. 2013;8(9):e74765.

Highlights

A total 10 publications with an accumulated impact factor of 41.268 have been published. This means an averaged factor of 4.13.

Two research projects have been obtained. One supported by FIS in collaboration with the Fundación Puigvert entitled: Biomarcadores de pronóstico y estrategias para disminuir la morbilidad de pacientes con insuficiencia renal. The second one has been funded by the UE and entitled: A common European approach to the regulatory testing of nanomaterials (NaNoREG).

Defence of one PhD Thesis entitled: El proyecto NanoGenotox: Hacia el desarrollo de una metodología robusta para la determinación del potencial genotóxico de los nanomateriales.

Presentation of two communications at the 52th SOT (Society of Toxicology) Annual Meeting held at San Antonio, USA.

Ricard Marcos and Susana Pastor acted as experts, nominated by the Ministerio de Sanidad y Consumo, in the ad hoc Commission of the OCDE responsible for the revision and updating of the Guidelines on Genotoxicity Assays.

Salud Global

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Main lines of research

- Maternal, Infant and Reproductive Health, especially focused on Malaria in Pregnancy, Causes of Mortality and Human Papillomavirus (HPV).
- Malaria control and elimination: from Basic research in pathophysiology and immunology of the disease to clinical development of new tools for the prevention or treatment of malaria, including vector control, drugs and vaccines, with a special focus now on malaria elimination strategies.
- HIV/AIDS: current focus in acute HIV infection and HIV-induced immune activation in the both HIV-infected adults and infants.

Most relevant scientific articles

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- ALONSO PL, TANNER M. Public health challenges and prospects for malaria control and elimination. Nat Med. 2013 Feb;19(2):150-5.

Highlights

We are leading several international research consortiums on the main lines of research:

- Causes of Mortality: Validation of the Minimally Invasive Autopsy (MIA) tool for cause of death investigation in developing countries. PI's: Dr. C Menéndez, Dr. Q. Bassat and Dr. J Ordi. Funder Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (1.4 M\$).
- Mechanisms of Immunity to Malaria Vaccine Candidates: Understanding RTS,S malaria vaccine-induced protection through integrated analysis of antibody, B Cell and T Cell immune responses. PI Dr. C Dobaño. Funder NIH (3M\$) and Identifying correlates of protection to accelerate vaccine trials: systems evaluation of two models of experimentally-induced immunity to malaria. PI Dr. C.Dobaño. Funder: FP7 (2.8 M€).
- HIV/AIDS: Development of novel gastrointestinal biomarkers for use in HIV incidence determination in a sub-Saharan African setting. PI Dr. D Naniche. Funder: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (1M\$)

Some of the international research consortiums lead by researchers from our group presented results in 2013:

- The results from a trial evaluating alternative drugs to prevent malaria in pregnancy were presented at the World Health Organization (WHO) by Dr. C Menéndez in July 2013.
- The results from different multicentre studies on malaria research coordinated from the group were presented at the Conference "Advances Plasmodium Vivax Malaria Research" organized by the The New York Academy of Sciences in May 2013, and at the Multilateral Initiative on Malaria (MIM) last November 2013 in Durban (South Africa), the main panafrican malaria conference.
- Participation of several researchers from the group in the Handbook published by the WHO "Management of Severe Malaria: a Practical Handbook".

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Main lines of research

- Environment and reproductive effects
- Environment and health
- Environment and chronic diseases
- Environmental risk factors

Most relevant scientific articles

- BERNAT GARCÍA J, MORALES SUÁREZ-VARELA M, VILATA JJ, MARQUINA A, PALLARDÓ L, CRESPO J. Risk factors for non-melanoma skin cancer in kidney transplant patients in a Spanish population in the Mediterranean region. *Acta Derm Venereol.* 2013 Jul 6;93(4):422-7.
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Highlights

We form the Mixed Nutrition Research Unit (FISABIO-CSISP-UVEG) of the Generalitat Valenciana. We participate in many projects, and in some as Principal Investigator (Assessing and predicting effects on water quantity and quality in Iberian rivers (SCARCE) (CDS2009-00065), and in the Evaluation of emerging pollutants in the Turia basin, basic research applied to environmental forensics (CGL2011-29703-C02-02); and in others as Collaborating Investigator with other CIBER projects (Influenza and 23-valent pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine efficacy in people aged 65 years and above (PI12/02079); Analysing and improving the degree of adequacy of surgery scheduled for abdominal aortic aneurysm (PI12/02530); Identifying genetic variants in the exome associated with type 2 diabetes (PI11/00726); Processes of proliferation, apoptosis and angiogenesis in risk of death, relapses and therapeutic response to colon/rectum cancer (PI09/910).

We work with the Valencian Oncology Institute in studies into breast cancer and diet to improve patient recovery. We also conduct studies of child obesity related with depression and perception of health. We work in Child Health Promotion Programmes of the Valencian Community, and we collaborate with the Public Health laboratory of the Valencian Community within the FISABIO framework.



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Main lines of research

- GENETIC EPIDEMIOLOGY.

Our research in the field of genetic epidemiology is focused primarily on identifying genetic polymorphisms as susceptibility markers of cancer risk associated with the study of drug consumption, colorectal cancer, and development of a predictor of individual risk based on the combination of multiple genetic polymorphisms associated with cancer. In this line we also develop new biostatistical and bioinformatics methods.

- MOLECULAR DIAGNOSIS OF CANCER.

Within the area of molecular diagnosis of cancer, our research focuses on the identification of biomarkers useful for the early diagnosis of colorectal cancer. The domains of interest include genomics, proteomics and epigenetics. We believe that genomic regulatory networks are useful for the identification of new markers.

- PROGNOSTIC MARKERS AND THERAPEUTIC RESPONSE PREDICTION.

We have series of colorectal cancer patients well characterized from a clinical point of view, with a long follow-up and prospective data collection.

Most relevant scientific articles

These series are useful to identify prognostic markers, prediction of therapeutic response and toxicity of chemotherapy and radiotherapy.

• IDENTIFICATION OF NEW THERAPEUTIC TARGETS.

We use of bioinformatics tools for the identification of genes involved in cancer. This is a complex task since it requires *in vivo* and *in vitro* validation of hypotheses generated by bioinformatics models using genomic and proteomic data.

- CARMONA FJ, AZUARA D, BERENGUER-LLERGO A, FERNÁNDEZ AF, BIONDO S, DE OCA J. DNA methylation biomarkers for noninvasive diagnosis of colorectal cancer. *Cancer Prev Res (Phila)*. 2013 Jul;6(7):656-65.
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- TIAN S, SIMON I, MORENO V, ROEPMAN P, TABERNERO J, SNEL M. A combined oncogenic pathway signature of BRAF, KRAS and PI3KCA mutation improves colorectal cancer classification and cetuximab treatment prediction. *Gut*. 2013 Apr;62(4):540-9.

Highlights

The group focuses its research on a main own project: COLONOMICS and four collaborative projects: MCC-Spain, CORECT, EPICOLON and INMENSE. The main project, COLONOMICS: Integration of molecular basis of colorectal cancer for the detection and validation of new biomarkers (www.colonomics.org) has allowed us identifying a plasma protein -COL10A1- as a candidate biomarker for early diagnosis of colorectal cancer. We have renewed the Spanish Patent and prepared the manuscript for publishing the results. In the project MCC-Spain we lead the working group on drugs also have worked intensively in family predisposition to cancer genetic susceptibility. The CORECT project is a collaboration with groups from the U.S., mainly from the University of South California (USC) and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center (FHCRC). We have responsibility to analyze gene-environment interactions in GWAS studies of colorectal cancer. In collaboration with the group EPICOLON (CIBERHed and CIBERRer) have validated several genetic polymorphisms that confer susceptibility to colorectal cancer and prediction of chemotherapy toxicity. In collaboration with the INMENSE group we have identified several genetic polymorphisms that increase the risk of multiple myeloma. We have published two papers on statistical methods to analyze genetic epidemiology studies in collaboration with Prof. Graffelman (UPC) and a protocol for the analysis of mutations using next-generation sequencing data in the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes. In the line of biomarkers to predict therapeutic response we have published molecular profiles of colorectal tumors with different mutations that determine sensitivity to treatment with cetuximab. In the line of colorectal cancer screening assessment and improvement, we evaluated the quality of screening colonoscopy and published several papers on therapeutic strategies in inflammatory bowel disease.



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DAPET Programme

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Main lines of research

- Development of new methods for genomic, metagenomic, epidemiological and evolutionary analysis to apply to the research on infectious diseases or dysbiotic microbiota, and also the regular study of them, particularly in the Comunidad Valenciana. Our group research focuses on microorganisms concerning the human health, in order to propose guidelines to the health administration in relation to certain pathogens, diseases related to the microbiota alteration and outbreaks.
- The objective of the studies in genomics, metagenomics, molecular epidemiology and evolution of organisms and / or microbial communities is their identification, sequencing and comparative and evolutionary analysis. The specific objectives aim to identify the genetic and metabolic factors associated with pathogenesis, to determine the genes or accessory elements responsible for the virulence, for the antigenic features relevant for vaccination or for the resistance to different treatments, as well as the evaluation of transmission routes, etc.

Most relevant scientific articles

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Highlights

PROJECTS:

- Title: Genómica Evolutiva. Principal Investigator: Andrés Moya. Funding: Consellería de Sanidad Generalitat Valenciana (PROMETEO). Term: 01-01-209 a 31-12-2013
- Title: High throughput sequencing to reveal the causes and consequences of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* genomic variation – MTB. Principal Investigator: Iñaki Comas. Funding: Marie Curie Actions. Term: 01-09-2011 a 01-09-2013
- Title: Papel de la microbiota en la defensa frente a infecciones por Enterococo. Principal Investigator: Carles Ubeda. Funding: Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad. Term: 01-01-2012 a 31-12-2014
- Title: Epidemiología molecular y evolutiva de microrganismos patógenos. Principal Investigator: Fernando González-Candelas. Funding: Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad. Term: 01-01-2012 a 31-12-2014
- Title: Role of the microbiota in the defense against antibiotic resistant pathogens. Principal Investigator: Carles Ubeda. Funding: Marie Curie Actions. Term: 01-12-2012 a 30-11-2015
- Title: Interacción del microbioma y el viroma del intestino humano en condiciones de salud, enfermedad y estrés antibiótico. Principal Investigator: Andrés Moya. Funding: Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad. Term: 01-01-2013 a 31-12-2015
- Title: Global influenza hospital surveillance network. Principal Investigator: Joan Puig Barbera (Colaborator F. Xavier López-Labrador). Funding: Sanofi-Pasteur. Term: 01-01-2012 a 30-07-2016

TRANSFER:

- Report of possible transmission of hepatitis C virus between two patients from the university hospital "Virgen de la Victoria" (Málaga). Requested by "Junta de Andalucía". February 2013.
- Report of nosocomial outbreak of hepatitis C virus subtype 2q in the public hospital "Marina Baixa" (Vila Joiosa, Alacant). Requested by "Dirección General de Salud Pública (Generalitat Valenciana)". June 2013.
- Report of community outbreak of hepatitis A virus in Castellón. Requested by "Dirección General de Salud Pública" (Generalitat Valenciana). September 2013.

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Main lines of research

- CANCER EPIDEMIOLOGY.

The group has consolidated a cutting-edge research line on cancer over the last two decades by taking part in the cohort study European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition (EPIC), on diet, cancer, and lifestyle and genetic interactions, and recently, by joining the MCC-Spain study on high-incidence tumours in Spain. Furthermore, the group has an active participation in international projects on cancer survival (EUROCARE, CONCORD, RARECARE), and information systems and cancer registries (REDEPICAN).

- EPIDEMIOLOGY OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE, DIABETES, AND OTHER CHRONIC DISEASES.

The group participates in the DARIOS and FRESCO studies (on cardiovascular risk functions for the Spanish population), the EPIC-CVD study (a joint study of the effect of genetic factors, biomarkers, and life styles, on coronary heart disease and stroke in Europe), and the European case-cohort InterAct study (on diabetes and the interaction between genetic and modifiable life-style factors).. Other line of the group is the estimation of the burden of infectious diseases in Spain with a special focus on hepatitis B and C. On the epidemiology of neurological disorders, the group currently leads the PEGASUS-Murcia study, a population-based survey to know the prevalence of mental disorders, co-morbidities and related factors.

- ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, LIFE STYLES, AND DIET.

The group works in this research line on food and nutrient patterns, physical activity, and other life style factors, in relation to health. Other research interest focuses on reproductive health of young adults, and the study of its related factors, both endogenous and environmental.

- SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH. INEQUALITY, IMMIGRATION AND GENDER.

The project 'Health and Cultures' studies the health of the immigrant population and its determinant factors, in order to identify the specific needs and the barriers that limit health care of this minority. Other lines are the study of violence and gender determinants of health, and, within the MEDEA project, the study of economic and environmental inequalities on the morbidity and mortality in small areas of large cities in Spain.

Most relevant scientific articles

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- KREIMER AR, JOHANSSON M, WATERBOER T, KAAKS R, CHANG-CLAUDE J, DROGEN D. Evaluation of human papillomavirus antibodies and risk of subsequent head and neck cancer. *J Clin Oncol.* 2013 Jul 20;31(21):2708-15.
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- CIRERA L, HUERTA JM, CHIRLAQUE MD, BUCKLAND G, LARRAÑAGA N, SÁNCHEZ MJ. Unfavourable life-course social gradient of coronary heart disease within Spain: a low-incidence welfare-state country. *Int J Public Health.* 2013 Feb;58(1):65-77.
- NAVARRO-MATEU F, TORMO M, VILAGUT G, ALONSO J, RUÍZ-MERINO G, ESCÁMEZ T. Epidemiology and genetics of common mental disorders in the general population: the PEGASUS-Murcia project. *BMJ Open.* 2013 Dec 3;3(12):e004035.

Highlights

Through 2013, our group has published over 80 original papers in high-impact international scientific journals (sum of FI=414). It has also led relevant national and regional studies on cardiovascular disease (social position and coronary heart disease, physical activity and cerebrovascular disease), diabetes (anthropometric determinants), seminal quality in young population, and trends in suicide mortality, as well as studies on the epidemiology of mental disorders in the general population. Furthermore, the group has coordinated the REDEPICAN guide of external evaluation of cancer registries for Latin America (Rev. Panam. Salud Pública, 34:336-42). Jointly with other CIBERESP and international groups, our group has collaborated in important European or international projects, published in top scientific journals, such as the genetic mapping of chronic lymphocytic leukemia (Albright et al., *Nature Genetics*), or the prognostic value of antibodies against the human papillomavirus on the future risk of head and neck cancer (Kreimer et al., *J Clin Oncol*). The group further leads or actively collaborates in several projects ('Health and Cultures', PEGASUS-Murcia (PI12/00809, 2013I052), EPIC-InterAct, EPIC-CVD), and has received funding in the AES 2013 national call of the Carlos III Health Institute (PI13/01162) to update information on survivors of the EPIC-Murcia cohort. A further example of the international projection and leadership of the group is the creation in Murcia of a Partnership within the context of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing (EIP AHA), with the objective to address the social challenge of ageing, both in preserving health and active living as much as it is possible. Such Partnership, approved by the EU in 2013, is already involved as European partner in the project INclusive INTroduction of INtegrated CAre (IN3CA) (Grant Agreement No. 621006; ICT PSP Call).



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Main lines of research

Multidisciplinary group created to investigate environmental causes of disease, particularly, malignant tumors and its basic and clinical aspects, with a strong character translational and applied to clinical practice. Both the epidemiology of malignant tumor disease as the diagnosis and treatment has been and are the object of attention. Especially:

- Research on environmental factors related to exposure to hormonally active chemical contaminants (endocrine disruption) and physical agents (ionizing and non-ionizing radiation).
- The diagnosis of tumor disease in its early stages and subsequent evolution by radiological techniques and molecular imaging.
- A holistic approach to the concept of health and environment based on: i) markers of exposure; ii) development of biomarkers combined effect; iii) research focused on mechanisms of gene-environment interaction; and iv) actions in prevention.

Most relevant scientific articles

- ARREBOLA JP, FERNÁNDEZ MF, OLEA N, RAMOS R, MARTÍN-OLMEDO P. Human exposure to p,p'-dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene (p,p'-DDE) in urban and semi-rural areas in southeast Spain: a gender perspective. *Sci Total Environ.* 2013 Aug 1;458-460:209-16.
- ARREBOLA JP, PUMAREGA J, GASULL M, FERNÁNDEZ MF, MARTÍN-OLMEDO P, MOLINA-MOLINA JM, FERNÁNDEZ-RODRÍGUEZ M, PORTA M, OLEA N. Adipose tissue concentrations of persistent organic pollutants and prevalence of type 2 diabetes in adults from Southern Spain. *Environmental research.* 2013;122:31-7.
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- RAMOS R, FREIRE C, JULVEZ J, FERNÁNDEZ MF, GARCÍA-ESTEBAN R, TORRENT M ET AL.. Association of ADHD symptoms and social competence with cognitive status in preschoolers. *Eur Child Adolesc Psychiatry.* 2013 Mar;22(3):153-64.
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Highlights

In 2013, our group has centered its activity in the area of environmental epidemiology, specially focused on the investigation of human exposure to endocrine disrupters and its consequences on human health. An important event was the organization of the 8th Spanish Conference on Endocrine Disruption, as a central activity of the 12th Spanish Meeting on Environmental Health.

Competitive financial support (see below) allowed us to publish 27 scientific publications included in the CR. As active member, our group took part in two sub-programs: Childhood and Environment (INMA) and Cancer multi-case/control Spain (MCC-Spain).

The leader of the group and some of its members participate actively in Experts' and Working Groups of the WHO and European Commission regarding Endocrine Disruption. As an example, they are responsible for a WHO monograph on ED and the SCEHNIR report "Bisphenol-A in Medical Devices". The leader became Scientific Director of the new Institute for Biomedical Research of Granada, under the auspicious of the Spanish ISCIII.

Financial support:

- Multiple exposures to endocrine disruptors in the cohort of children and environment INMA: new markers of hormonal exposure. FIS/ISCIII. PI11/00610. 298.319,45 €. 2012/2014. IP: N. Olea
- Implementation of an integral system of biomarkers of exposure and effect for the evaluation of the hormonal activity (endocrine disruption) of complex biological mixtures. Andalusian Regional Government. P09-CTS-5488. 298.000 €. 2010/2014. IP: N. Olea
- Biomonitoring of endocrine disrupting chemicals using advanced separation techniques. Andalusian Regional Government. P09-CTS-4470. 224.273,68 €. 2010/2014. IP: A. Navalón
- Children's exposure to BPA - polycarbonate and epoxy resins- and its relation with obesity, development and reproductive health. Andalusian Regional Government. PI-0675-2010. 52.500,00 €. 2011/2013. IP: MF. Fernández
- Total effective xenobiotic burden (TEXB) as a biomarker in human serum samples and study its relationship with breast adipose tissue in breast cancer patients. Andalusian Regional Government. PI-0513-2012. 20.954,66 €. 2013/2014. IP: JP Arrebola



Grupo de Investigación en Epidemiología Clínica y Molecular del Cáncer

PROGRAMME:
**Epidemiology and Prevention
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Main lines of research

- Clinical and molecular epidemiology of exocrine pancreatic cancer, chronic pancreatitis and cancer of the extrahepatic biliary system. This line of work is fundamentally focused on two projects, the PANKRAS I and PANKRAS II studies. They are a joint collaboration with research units of the cancer research programme of IMIM, as well as with other organizations such as CSIC, Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Oncológicas (CNIO), University Miguel Hernandez from Elx-Alacant, the Harvard School of Public Health and the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development de USA.
- Analysis of out patient and inpatient phases of the "Symptom to treatment interval" (STI) and its impact on survival. Early detection of breast cancer. This line of work is based on the Tumour Registry Working Group at the Hospital del Mar and on the "Breast Cancer Prevention Program" (IMAS/SCS).
- Concentrations of Persistent Organic Pollutants in the general population. This line of work is fundamentally focused on two projects, Blood concen-

trations of Persistent Organic Pollutants in the population of Catalonia, a joint collaboration with Departament de Salut of Generalitat de Catalunya, and Blood concentrations of Persistent Organic Pollutants in the population of Barcelona, a joint collaboration with Agència de Salut Pública de Barcelona.

Most relevant scientific articles

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Highlights

- PI12/00265 Asociación entre exposición laboral y cáncer en el estudio MulticasoControl sobre Cáncer MCC-Spain. PI: Dr. Juan Alguacil. Funding Entity: FIS. Duration: 01/01/2012 al 31/12/2015. Budget: 32.065,00€.
- LIFE10 ENV/IT/000327 Particles size and composition in Mediterranean countries: geographical variability and short-term health effects. PI: Dr. Massimo Stafoglio. Funding Entity: European Comission. Duration: 01/09/2011 al 31/08/2013. Budget: 901.579,00.
- CSO2010-18661 Cuerpos tóxicos: etnoepidemiología sociocultural de la contaminación interna por Compuestos Tóxicos Persistentes en España. PI: Dra. Cristina Larrea. Funding Entity: MICINN. Duration: 01/01/2011 al 31/12/2013. Budget: 52.000€.
- Anàlisi de l'estudi sobre compostos orgànics persistents en la població de la ciutat de Barcelona, en el marc de l'enquesta de salut. PI: Dr. Miquel Porta. Funding Entity: Agència de Salut Pública de Barcelona. Duration: 01/01/2012 al 31/12/2013.
- BRain dEvelopment and Air polluTion ultrafine particles in scHool children (BREATH). PI: Jordi Sunyer Deu. Agency: EUROPEAN COMISSION, ADVANCED RESEARCH GRANT. Budget: 2.499.230 €. Duration: from 2011 to 2016.



PROGRAMME:

**Epidemiology and Prevention
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Epidemiología Cardiovascular y Nutricional

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Main lines of research

Our strategic objective is to produce relevant information to support clinical and population-based policies aimed at controlling CVD. The results of our studies have been explicitly incorporated into the National Strategy for Ischemic Heart Disease Control, the National Strategy for Obesity Prevention and Control, and the National Strategy on Disease Prevention and health Promotion, elaborated by the Ministry of Health. Moreover, our research results have also supported the development of clinical guidelines in this field; specifically, the guidelines of the Spanish Society for Arterial Hypertension, and guidelines of the Spanish Society of Family Medicine, the leading society devoted to primary health care in Spain.

Our main research themes are:

- Determinants and consequences of frailty in the older adult.
- Improvement of diagnosis and prognosis of the patient with hypertension and heart failure.
- Diet and physical activity as determinants of obesity and cardiovascular risk in the elderly.

Most relevant scientific articles

- GRACIANI A, LEÓN-MUÑOZ LM, GUALLAR-CASTILLÓN P, RODRÍGUEZ-ARTALEJO F, BANEGRAS JR. Cardiovascular health in a southern Mediterranean European country: a nationwide population-based study. *Circ Cardiovasc Qual Outcomes.* 2013 Jan 1;6(1):90-8.
- LEÓN-MUÑOZ LM, MARTÍNEZ-GÓMEZ D, BALBOA-CASTILLO T, LÓPEZ-GARCÍA E, GUALLAR-CASTILLÓN P, RODRÍGUEZ-ARTALEJO F. Continued sedentariness, change in sitting time, and mortality in older adults. *Med Sci Sports Exerc.* 2013 Aug;45(8):1501-7.
- MARTÍNEZ-GÓMEZ D, GUALLAR-CASTILLÓN P, LEÓN-MUÑOZ LM, LÓPEZ-GARCÍA E, RODRÍGUEZ-ARTALEJO F. Combined impact of traditional and non-traditional health behaviors on mortality: a national prospective cohort study in Spanish older adults. *BMC Med.* 2013 Feb 22;11:47.
- GOROSTIDI M, SARAFIDIS PA, DE LA SIERRA A, SEGURA J, DE LA CRUZ JJ, BANEGRAS JR. Differences between office and 24-hour blood pressure control in hypertensive patients with CKD: A 5,693-patient cross-sectional analysis from Spain. *Am J Kidney Dis.* 2013 Aug;62(2):285-94.
- GUALLAR-CASTILLÓN P, MUÑOZ-PAREJA M, AGUILERA MT, LEÓN-MUÑOZ LM, RODRÍGUEZ-ARTALEJO F. Food sources of sodium, saturated fat and added sugar in the Spanish hypertensive and diabetic population. *Atherosclerosis.* 2013 Jul;229(1):198-205.

Highlights

The most relevant activities during 2013 have been the following:

- Conduction of the first population-based study in Europe on 24-hour ambulatory monitoring of blood pressure. This study will reveal the characteristics and determinants, mainly lifestyles, of circadian variations in blood pressure in the general population.
- Given the progressive growth of the older population in Europe during the next decades, new approaches should be developed for reducing the expected increase in dependency. Therefore, it is noteworthy that the group has secured funding from the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Union, to identify the determinants and consequences of the frailty syndrome (FRAIOMIC Initiative FP7-HEALTH-2012-Proposal No: 305483-2). This medical syndrome is a good predictor of disability and dependence in the elderly; therefore, a better understanding of frailty can help to guide new strategies for prevention and control of dependency.
- Among the transfer activities, we have coordinated the elaboration of the following Report for the Spanish Society of Epidemiology and the Office of the Ombudsman of Andalucía: Excess mortality and morbidity observed in several studies in El Campo de Gibraltar.



PROGRAMME:
**Ep. and Prev. Environmental
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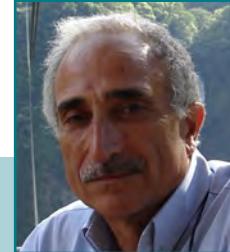
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Main lines of research

- Neurotoxicity of environmental pollutants
- Biomarkers of exposure to mercury and persistent organochlorine pollutants
- Endocrine disruption induced by environmental pollutants in the central nervous system

Most relevant scientific articles

- MONTES DE OCA L, MORENO M, CARDONA D, CAMPA L, SUÑOL C, GALOFRÉ M. Long term compulsion on the 5-choice serial reaction time task after acute Chlorpyrifos exposure. *Toxicol Lett.* 2013 Feb 4;216(2-3):73-85.
- SLAVÍKOVÁ B, BUJONS J, MATYÁŠ L, VIDAL M, BABOT Z, KRIŠTOFÍKOVÁ Z. Allopregnanolone and pregnanolone analogues modified in the C ring: synthesis and activity. *J Med Chem.* 2013 Mar 28;56(6):2323-36.
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Highlights

Study of the influence of prenatal exposure to environmental pollutants in glutamate levels in cord blood and in glutamate transport in human placenta. The study was conducted in collaboration with other CIBERESP groups of the INMA project . The main finding is that prenatal exposure to organochlorine contaminants correlates with decreased glutamate levels in cord blood of the newborn cohort in Valencia. It has also been observed that organochlorine contaminants and methylmercury induce a decrease of glutamate transport in placenta tissue. Moreover we have described that the neuromodulator activity of neurosteroid derivatives is determined by the lipophilicity of these endocrine agents. Finally, we have determined the behavioral alterations and neurochemical correlates delayed-induced by exposure to the environmental pollutant chlorpyrifos, of great importance in areas of intensive agriculture.



PROGRAMME:
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Main lines of research

- Social Inequalities, Gender Violence, Women's Health, Mental health, Crisis and Health

Most relevant scientific articles

- RICCI-CABELLO I, RUÍZ-PÉREZ I, NEVOT-CORDERO A, RODRÍGUEZ-BARRANCO M, SORDO L, GONÇALVES DC. Health care interventions to improve the quality of diabetes care in African Americans: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Diabetes Care.* 2013 Mar;36(3):760-8.
- RICCI-CABELLO I, RUÍZ-PÉREZ I, ROJAS-GARCÍA A, PASTOR G, GONÇALVES DC. Improving diabetes care in rural areas: a systematic review and meta-analysis of quality improvement interventions in OECD countries. *PLoS One.* 2013;8(12):e84464.
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- ESCRIBÀ-AGÜIR V, ROYO-MARQUÉS M, ARTAZCOZ L, ROMITO P, RUÍZ-PÉREZ I, MARTÍN-BAENA D. Personal and psychosocial predictors of psychological abuse by partners during and after pregnancy: a longitudinal cohort study in a community sample. *BJOG.* 2013 Apr;120(5):576-82.
- ARTAZCOZ L, CORTÈS I, ESCRIBÀ-AGÜIR V, BARTOLL X, BASART H, BORRELL C. Long working hours and health status among employees in Europe: between-country differences. *Scand J Work Environ Health.* 2013 Jul;39(4):369-78.

Highlights

The group has won several major projects on a competitive and a Europe-wide

- Gender Violence during pregnancy and postpartum. Transfer of knowledge on gender violence
- Atlas of Gender inequalities and social determinants in Andalucia
- Adaptation to the evidence of obstetric interventions in Andalusia and Quebec: Decreased cesarean rate (multi)

He has made national reports:

- Economic evaluation of renal and liver transplants by donation process

He has participated and participates in two initiatives at European level:

- Participation in the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies.

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/about-us/partners/observatory>

- Participation in the web portal and Health Crisis

<http://www.easp.es/crisis-salud/>



PROGRAMME:
**Social Determinants
of Health**

Grupo de Investigación en Estadística, Econometría y Salud (GRECS)

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Main lines of research

HEALTH ECONOMETRICS

- Effects of the economic crisis on health

Use of health services; Self-perception of health; Prevalence and incidence of metabolic syndrome; Suicides; Mental Health; Psychotropic Drugs

- Evaluation of public policies

- Evaluation of health technologies

EPIDEMIOLOGY

- Socioeconomic inequalities in health
- Environmental inequalities in health
- Clinical epidemiology - Cardiovascular Risk Factors
- Epidemiology of cancer
- Delinquency as a public health problem

Most relevant scientific articles

- PUIG-VIVES M, SÁNCHEZ MJ, SÁNCHEZ-CANTALEJO J, TORRELLA-RAMOS A, MARTOS C, ARDANAZ E. Distribution and prognosis of molecular breast cancer subtypes defined by immunohistochemical biomarkers in a Spanish population-based study. *Gynecol Oncol.* 2013 Sep;130(3):609-14.
- SAURINA C, BRAGULAT B, SAEZ M, LÓPEZ-CASASNOVAS G. A conditional model for estimating the increase in suicides associated with the 2008-2010 economic recession in England. *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health.* 2013;67(9):779-787.
- MATA-CASES M, BENITO-BADORREY B, ROURE-OLMEDA P, FRANCH-NADAL J, PEPIÓ-VILAUBÍ JM, SAEZ M, COLL-DE-TUERO G on behalf of the GEDAPS (Primary Care Group for the study of Diabetes) of the Catalonian Society of Family and Community Medicine). Clinical inertia in the treatment of hyperglycemia in type 2 diabetes patients in primary care. *Current Medical Research and Opinion.* 2013;29(11):1495-1502..
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- OSCA-GELIS G, PUIG-VIVES M, SAEZ M, GALLARDO D, LLOVERAS N, MARCOS-GRAGERA R. Population-based incidence of myeloid malignancies: fifteen years of epidemiological data in girona province (Spain). *Haematologica.* 2013;98(8):e95-e97.

Highlights

During the year 2013 our group has published 23 scientific articles, 19 indexed in ISI JCR database. Of these 12 were located in the first quartile (ISI JCR 2012), 2 in the second, 1 in the third and 4 in the fourth quartile. We have also published a book.

On the other hand, 4 doctoral thesis have been defended within the group (the directors were members of our group), all in programs with honors and three of them at a program on international doctorate. All rated as 'apto cum laude'.

We continue with a competitive project (AES 2011) and obtained two non-competitive projects funded by the University of Girona.

We continue to belong to the group consolidado SGR (Generalitat of Catalonia), in addition to CIBER.

We have collaborated with other groups CIBERESP, with other foreign national groups and international groups, pointing out above all, our collaboration with the CIBERESP Cases and Controls in Pandemic Influenza Working Group; members of the Ineq-Cities project (part of CIBERESP, part international) ; MCC Spain (CIBERESP); ICO (groups outside the CIBER); Department of Mathematics, University Jaume I, Castellón (group outside the CIBER); with CRES, UPF (group outside the CIBER); and with the group of Havard Rue (R INLA, international group).



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**Epidemiology and Prevention
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Epidemiología y prevención del Cáncer y otras enfermedades crónicas

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Main lines of research

The Granada Cancer Registry (GCR), since its startup in 1985, has developed research projects produced by the GCR itself or in collaboration with other national or international institutions, along three main research lines:

- Descriptive epidemiology of cancer:
 - Temporal trends of cancer incidence in Granada for adults, children and adolescents
 - Survival of cancer in Granada
 - Estimates of cancer incidence and prevalence in Andalusia and Spain
 - Rare malignant tumors (RDR Spain): definition, incidence and survival.
 - Risk of second primary multiple tumors
- Risk factors for cancer and other chronic diseases, especially in the framework of the EPIC project (European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition)
 - Studies on the association between lifestyle factors, diet and other environmental factors with risk of cancer and other chronic diseases (diabetes, cardiovascular diseases,...).
 - Studies on the association between biomarkers of exposure (antioxidants, inflammation, oxidative stress, etc.) with risk of cancer and other chronic diseases.
 - Studies on gen*environment and gen*gen interactions and their association with risk of cancer and other chronic diseases.

- Health care and outcomes assessment in cancer patients
 - Survival and patterns of care in cancer and variability in clinical practice (diagnostic methods, stage, treatment, tumor markers, second primary cancers, recurrences): differences between countries and geographical areas (EUROCARE, CONCORD and EMPARO-CU projects).
 - Surveillance and control of rare tumors in Spain and Europe (EUROCARE project).
- Mapping of the European funding in cancer research activities: bibliometric and health impact assessment (MAPPING_NCD project).

Most relevant scientific articles

- PUIG-VIVES M, SÁNCHEZ MJ, SÁNCHEZ-CANTALEJO J, TORRELLA-RAMOS A, MARTOS C, ARDANAZ E. Distribution and prognosis of molecular breast cancer subtypes defined by immuno-histochemical biomarkers in a Spanish population-based study. *Gynecol Oncol.* 2013 Sep;130(3):609-14.
- MOLINA-MONTES E, POLLÁN M, PAYER T, MOLINA E, DÁVILA-ARIAS C, SÁNCHEZ MJ. Risk of second primary cancer among women with breast cancer: a population-based study in Granada (Spain). *Gynecol Oncol.* 2013 Aug;130(2):340-5.
- ZAMORA-ROS R, JIMÉNEZ C, CLERIES R, AGUDO A, SÁNCHEZ MJ, SÁNCHEZ-CANTALEJO E. Dietary flavonoid and lignan intake and mortality in a Spanish cohort. *Epidemiology.* 2013 Sep;24(5):726-33.
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Highlights

Group 34 of the CIBERESP has received European funding to the project MAPPING_NCD and to coordinate one of the work packages (WP5) on cancer research activities. At the national level, a project on lifestyle factors and genetic susceptibility as predictors of cancer risk has been funded in 2013 by the Spanish Ministry of Economy by means of the AES (ISCIII, FIS). Our group is currently coordinating and/or participating in other 6 research projects. Some members of our group were awarded in 2013 for their excellence in research: the best published article in epidemiology in 2012, given by the Spanish Society of Epidemiology (SEE), the best senior communication presented during the SEE congress, and the best poster presented during the congress of the International Association of Cancer Registries (IACR).

The scientific production of the group in terms of articles is 83 indexed publications, with the majority being produced through collaborative studies with national and international research groups (79% of the articles were published in journals belonging to the first quartile). The total impact factor (IF) in 2013 is: 382.2. The mean IF per article is: 5.03; 37.3% of the articles belong to the 1st decile.

Within the Granada Cancer Registry, the data of cancer incidence in Granada of the period 1985-2007 has been published in the 5-yearly publication of Cancer Incidence in Five Continents, vol X (IARC). Also, data has been provided for the publication International Incidence of Childhood Cancer, Vol 3 and for the international projects EUROCARE-5 and CONCORD-2.

Our group has been also involved in the creation of the Instituto de Investigación Biosanitaria de Granada. The PI of our group is the coordinator of the "Cancer" area, which is one of the five fields of research leaded by this Institute.



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Main lines of research

EPIDEMIOLOGY, ETIOLOGY AND PREVENTION OF CANCERS RELATED TO HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS (HPV)

- Studies of prevalence and HPV type distribution in cancers of the vulva, penis, vagina, anus, oral cavity, oro-pharynx and larynx (HPVVAPo study).
- Evaluation of cervical cancer screening program in Catalonia
- Phase III and phase IV studies of new generation vaccines
- Assessment of the burden of HPV-related diseases worldwide (HPV Information Center)
- Cost-effectiveness models of cervical cancer prevention
- Training and elearning programs on HPV associated cancer prevention (e-oncology)

EPIDEMIOLOGY AND ETIOLOGY OF LYMPHOID NEOPLASMS

- Epidemiology of chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL) (MCC-Spain study)
 - Evaluation of environmental and occupational exposures
 - Genetic susceptibility
 - Sero-epidemiology of Epstein-Barr virus and polyomavirus infections
- Evaluation of the association between human and viral miRNA in plasma and CLL
- Study of endemic Burkitt lymphoma and Epstein-Barr virus

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P5. Epidemiology and Prevention of Environmental and Occupational Diseases

- International consortiums (InterLymph, International Multiple Myeloma Consortium, Hodgkin Lymphoma Consortium).
 - Comprehensive evaluation of risk factors and different histologic lymphoma subtypes within an international consortium (InterLymph NHL Subtype Project).
 - Evaluation of hormonal and reproductive factors in multiple myeloma etiology (International Multiple Myeloma Consortium).
 - Gene and environment interaction studies.
 - GWAS studies on follicular lymphoma, Hodgkin lymphoma and other subtypes.

Most relevant scientific articles

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- ROURA E, CASTELLSAGUÉ X, PAWLITA M, TRAVIER N, WATERBOER T, MARGALL N. Smoking as a major risk factor for cervical cancer and pre-cancer: Results from the EPIC cohort. *Int J Cancer*. 2013 Dec 13;.

Highlights

The Group 36 carries out studies in two major research areas:

- Epidemiology, etiology, prevention and control of HPV-related diseases research studies: Epidemiological studies on worldwide viral and strains distribution including participation and coordination of international studies on vaccination and the evaluation of the screening activities in Catalonia and monitoring the implementation of HPV vaccines in Catalonia (phase III and IV studies). Additionally, the group is leading studies on economic evaluation and modelling of cervical cancer prevention measures in Catalonia, Spain and other worldwide geographical regions. Likewise, the group leads the Information Centre on HPV and Cancer (<http://www.hpvcentre.net/>) on disease burden and carries out training and dissemination activities through the coordination and publication of monographs on HPV as well as an online educational program on oncology (<http://www.e-oncologia.org/>).
- Lymphoma epidemiology and etiology research studies: The group is involved in several multicenter studies: a) Within MCC_Spain coordinating the work associated to chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL) and participates actively in the infections, family history, occupational, and reproductive factors working groups associated to prostate, colon, stomach and breast cancer; b) The EpiLymph study (non Hodgkin lymphoma, Hodgkin lymphoma and multiple myeloma) and its international enlargement (InterLymph). Interlymph is now producing a monograph on a comprehensive evaluation of risk factors and different lymphoma subtypes, including more than 24,000 controls and 17,000 cases, is being finalised. The group is also working on several ongoing projects on gene and environment interaction in GWAS studies.
- The eBLEM study on endemic Burkitt lymphoma within the CREAL-ISGLOBAL and ICO collaboration exploring infectious, in particular EBV, and environmental interactions in Mozambique.



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Main lines of research

- IMPACT OF DIET ON CARDIOMETABOLIC HEALTH. Diet plays an important role in the prevention of chronic diseases. We have determined the association between diet (foods/beverages/nutrients/dietary patterns) and cardiovascular risk factors, such as dislipemia, lipid oxidation, and obesity in children and adults.
- DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF SHORT ASSESSMENTS TOOLS. An urgent need in dietary and physical activity assessment is the development of short tools that provide valid assessments of dietary quality for use in time-limited settings. Therefore, we developed and validated 3 short screeners for dietary quality assessment in adults. Currently we are validating a short physical activity screener in 150 boys and girls aged 6 to 10 year.
- PREVALENCE AND IMPACT OF OBESITY ON CARDIOMETABOLIC HEALTH. The obesity epidemic is one of the biggest current challenges for health policy. Surrogate measures of general and abdominal adiposity have been related to cardiometabolic risk in children, adolescents, and adults. We have analyzed the prevalence and trends in general and abdominal obesity in adults and children. Furthermore, we have determined the impact of adiposity on cardiovascular risk factors. Currently we are analyzing the impact of obesity on cardiovascular events in 50.000 Spaniards.

- EFFECT OF A COMMUNITY BASED INTERVENTION PROGRAM TO PREVENT CHILDHOOD OBESITY. The rapid growth of childhood obesity is a serious problem for public health worldwide. Spain has one of the highest prevalence rates of childhood overweight and obesity among OECD countries. A recent study reported 25.3% of Spanish children aged 8-13 were overweight and 9.6% were obese. Childhood obesity has a multifactorial aetiology. Unhealthy lifestyle such as inadequate diet and low physical activity is strongly related with weight gain.
- COMMUNITY BASED INTERVENTIONS PROGRAMS (CBI) ARE A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO PREVENT CHILDHOOD OBESITY. CBI act from all key sectors that influence childhood development (family, school, health professionals, sports, media, stores and food markets). However, there is limited information on the efficacy of CBI in Europe. Currently we are performing a parallel intervention study including 2249 children aged 8 to 10 years from 4 Spanish towns to determine the efficacy of a CBI on the prevention of childhood obesity and modification of lifestyle.

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DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF SHORT ASSESSMENTS TOOLS: Key References: Eur J Clin Nutr 2012; Public Health Nutr 2012; J Nutr 2011.

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Main lines of research

Pre and post-natal life are critical periods in the origins of chronic diseases, such as obesity, the metabolic syndrome, cognitive development, and the origins of asthma and allergy.

The major scientific objective is: To perform epidemiological studies on the early life origins of the neurodevelopment, the obesity and metabolic syndrome and allergy and asthma.

SCIENTIFIC OBJECTIVES:

- To discover the effects of early life environmental factors (i.e., traffic, indoor air pollution, fish intake) on brain function, lung function and asthma/allergy.
- To investigate the role of environmental agents (i.e., DDE, BPA, PFCs, endocrine disruptors) on obesity and metabolic syndrome, and on asthma and the immune system.
- To identify early epigenetic markers of neurodevelopment, obesity and growth, and asthma, as well as the gene-environmental interactions related to asthma and COPD progression.
- To develop methods on omics in child health studies and methods on the statistical analysis of these data.
- To extend the program to a global health agenda following collaboration on risk balance of indoor residual spraying and indoor biofuel mass combustion.
- To assess the effects of physical activity and diet in asthma/allergy, obesity and COPD. To assess the phenotypic heterogeneity and the comorbidities of respiratory and allergic diseases and COPD.

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Pre and post-natal life are critical periods in the origins of chronic diseases, such as obesity, the metabolic syndrome, cognitive development, and the origins of asthma and allergy. However, our current understanding of how chronic diseases develop during fetal life and childhood is still very limited. Still few isolated risk factors have been assessed and its causal mechanisms are poorly understood. We propose that:

1. The epidemiological studies by applying birth cohorts from the general population is a successful strategy for unraveling the complex multicausal origins of chronic disease.
2. Potentially harmful environmental and behavioral factors should be assessed at a much wider scale thought a better integration of the omics. This has been significantly consolidated with the leadership (PI M Vrijheid) of the Helix Project to develope the exposome in birth cohorts and the leadership of J Garcia-Aymerich developing new methods for unsupervised statistics.
3. The integration of imaging together with the 'exposome' in epidemiological studies opens new opportunities for understanding the underlying mechanisms. An area of particular interest in our group is the understanding of which and how environmental risks play a detrimental role on neurodevelopment during the fetal and first years of life, an effort promoted by the ERC-Adv Breathe project (PI J Sunyer).
4. The alliance with CRESIB under the ISGlobal opens opportunities to enlarge studies to a global context.
5. The environmental determinants of respiratory diseases are leading causes of DALYs worldwide: particulate matter, physical inactivity and low physical activity occupational particulate matter, gasses and fumes, ozone pollution and occupational asthmogens. Increasing research shows that asthma and COPD are complex phenotypes whose definitions and classification need to be reconsidered. We have consolidated as scientific leaders in these fields, by leading and participating in large national and international projects.

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Main lines of research

CAPUA STUDY (LUNG CANCER in ASTURIAS). It is the largest epidemiological study in Spain in lung cancer research with 880 incident cases and 844 controls with demographic data, history of cancer and potential risk factors, and 24 SNPs genotyped.

In 2010 is integrated into the International Lung Cancer Consortium of the International Agency for Research on Cancer. It has also been incorporated into the SYNERGY project, which brings together several European case-control studies to analyze the effects of exposure to occupational carcinogens in the development of lung cancer.

SPANISH BLADDER CANCER STUDY. In Asturias it was initiated in 1997 as a collaborative project of the IMIM, DCEG INC in USA, and the University of Oviedo for assessing the risk of bladder cancer in relation to environmental and occupational exposures, lifestyle, genetic susceptibility and its interaction with environmental exposure. It is also evaluating molecular genetic and clinical factors associated with survival.

INMA PROJECT - Childhood and Environment. It was created with the aim of studying the role of the most important environmental pollutants in air, water and diet during pregnancy and early life, and its effects on infant growth and development. Asturias INMA Cohort in the III health area, begins in 2004 and follows 485 pregnant women from the 12th week of pregnancy and their children up to 7-8 years.

MCC SPAIN. Poblational multicase-control study that was initiated in 2008 with funding from the Transversal Action in Cancer, to investigate the influence of environmental factors and their interaction with genetic factors in common or with peculiar epidemiologic characteristics tumors in our country (colorectal, breast, stomach, prostate and chronic lymphatic leukemia).

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The INMA COHORT Asturias in 2013 we have been awarded the project FISS Health Action FISPI13/02429 called, "Environmental Pollution by persistent exposure to toxic compounds and effects on child physical, visual and cognitive development" The objective of this project is to evaluate the effect of the exposure to environmental pollutants during the pre-and postnatal to the physical, visual and cognitive development of children. We will evaluate the effect of exposure to phthalates, dioxins (polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins and dibenzofurans (PCDD / Fs), metals (Hg, Pb, As, Cd, Ni, Cr, Cu and Zn) and PCBs polychlorinated biphenyls and brominated (polybrominated diphenyl ethers PBDs). The study population consisted of 453 children 7-8 years of Asturias INMA cohort. INMA Cohort Asturias, has 457 children at 7-8 years follow-up, that representing a response rate of parents of a 96.41%.

During the year 2013 the CAPUA study, has continued with its analysis of own goals (publication of two articles in conjunction with the CNE of the ISCIII on incineration and cancer and lung cancer and proximity to industries).

We have also published three papers in reference to exposure etiology and subsequent risk of hairdresser, bakery and confectionery workers and welders. These analyses are carried out in conjunction with the SYNERGY project of IARC.

And we have integrated on two ambitious joint projects of the National Institutes of Health, in collaboration with the IARC ILCCO Consortium:

- Pooled Analysis for Small Cell Lung Cancer (David Christiani et al): This is a proposal to examine the factors associated with small cell lung cancer in details, for both its etiology and prognosis and the
- Dataset for Genome-wide Association Study of Common Cancers – The GAME-ON Consortium (OncoChip) to the NIH Database of Genotypes and Phenotypes (dbGaP).

The study SPANISH BLADDER CANCER ongoing analyses include the evaluation of occupational exposures, the evaluation of infections, survival analysis and tumour markers and mostly the completion of a GWAS by the US NCI in which the SBCS has been one of the core studies.

As we have collaborated transfer and scientifically advised the Ministry of Health of the Autonomous Communities of Asturias on the subject of Water and Health.

Adonina Tardon has been a member of the working group that drew up the guidelines clinics of the Hospital San Agustín de Avilés: benign hyperplasia of prostate and occupational health and promotion of physical exercise at work.

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