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**Abstract** The Argentine Collaborating Centre (CACE) for WHO-FIC was effectively designated in March 2015. In recent years, CACE has continuously and actively promoted the use of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) in Argentina and broadly in Latin American Region, with the support and coordination of PAHO/WHO. The outcome of these efforts and activities has proven to be very important to the authorities and staff that perform functions at Bureaus of Health Statistics throughout the region. This poster briefly describes the work performed by CACE and its main results.

## Introduction

CACE consistently promotes the use of Family of International Classifications of Diseases in Latin America, in coordination with PAHO/WHO in a wide range of projects, such as design and elaboration of educational materials, implementation of training programs for coders and adequate filling out of death certificates by physicians. The most relevant projects during 2014-2015, were:

## Methods & Materials

CACE and CEMECE (from Mexico) developed an online e-course for Spanish-speaking countries of the American Region, in the second half of 2014, especially directed to ICD-10 coders. This e-course successfully reached 200 people, and was held between September 15th and December 20th 2014.

Both CACE and CEMECE concluded the revision of the contents of this regional e-course during the first semester of 2015. As a result, new courses for mortality and morbidity coding are available now.

Along with CEMECE (Mexico,) an e-course on ICD 10 updates was designed for Spanish-speaking tutors and team leaders from the region. This e-course will be held during the second semester of 2015.

From 26th to 29th May 2015, a classroom-based course for mortality coders was held in Buenos Aires City. This course provided a full update on ICD-10 and constituted a starting point for a full implementation in 2016. This 40-hours classroom course successfully trained 31 key leaders in mortality coding from provincial statistical offices.



In July 2015, CACE offered the course "The application of ICD-10 for morbidity reporting" in Santiago de Chile. The course had a mixed structure with two weeks of lectures, and a second set of online e-lectures over two further months. The course was attended by 35 officers of a wide number of Chilean Health Care Centers.

CACE also offered, in the second half of 2014, a virtual course for morbidity coders for six different Argentine provinces. This e-course was performed over 3 months, reaching and training 70 coders. Following the success of this e-course, during the first half of 2015 CACE offered a second 3 months e-course for another 7 Argentine provinces, reaching 63 coders.



Chart 1: *Sed ut perspicatis unde omnis iste natus error sit voluptatem accusantium doloremque laudantium.*

During the first half of 2015, an international course on ICF was successfully planned and organized. This course will take place in September in Buenos Aires City.

Professional staff from CACE and CEMECE participated in a regional workshop on coding mortality attributed to Chronic Kidney Diseases of Nontraditional Causes, which was held in Managua, Nicaragua. CACE has recently provided technical cooperation to the Ministry of Health of Guatemala in relation to Health Information Systems with focus on data and processes quality.

CACE is also working collaboratively with others Spanish-speaking centers on a formal translation of the latest ICD-11 version into Spanish, meant to be used in the first field trials.

CACE is directly involved in the design and later execution of a project aimed to improve registration and statistics of deaths related to maternal mortality in Argentina. CACE also collaborates in researches on "Mortality due to congenital cardiopathies in Argentina" and "Registration of deaths due to hepatitis, hepatocellular carcinoma and others non-alcoholic liver diseases". All these investigations aim to improve the quality of current statistical information on mortality.

Between several important meetings and conferences, it should be specifically noted CACE's participation in the WHO-FIC Network Annual Meeting, held in Barcelona, Spain (October 2014), the Latin American and Caribbean Health Information Systems Network (RELAC SIS) Annual Meeting, held in Bogotá, Colombia (November 2014), and the participation in the Latin American Network of Collaborating Centers on WHO-FIC, held in Santiago, Chile (April 2015), under the endorsement of RELAC SIS and PAHO.

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In 2015, CACE celebrates its 30 years of existence and uninterrupted work, and is happy to express its gratitude to PAHO and WHO for the proposal and designation as Collaborating Centre. As every year CACE keeps working in topics related with WHO-FIC, in the areas of training, application and research. Intra-regional collaboration and support are part of the main objectives of the organization. More information: [ww.deis.msal.gov.ar](http://ww.deis.msal.gov.ar)

### Curso de actualización en CIE-10 edición 2013 para codificadores de mortalidad



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