Process Evaluation and Quality Assessment in Family Planning Services in Rosario, Argentina.

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Preferred methods for impact assessment in family planning:

• Experimental Studies (Randomised trials)

Quasi-experiments (non randomised)

Observational Studies

Objectives

General aim:

To evaluate the effects of a new component included into the Responsible Procreation Program (RPP) directed towards the promotion, prevention and assistance in reproductive health, on a selected group of women at « high risk », in terms of their behaviors regarding the acceptance of the program, as well as their sociocultural and migratory characteristics, conceptions and practices related to sexuality and reproductive health.

Specific aims (1)

• 1. To analyze the effects of "Reproductive Health Councelling" as a new strategy to improve the inclusion into the program of a selected group of women at "high risk", carried out at two Municipal Maternity's Hospitals, in the gynaecology services of Hospitals Sáenz Peña, Carrasco, Alberdi and Vilela, Martin Maternity and in Primary Healt Care Centers.

Specific aims (2)

- 2. To analyze the behaviors of a selected group of women defined at high risk, included into the RPP, regarding:
- contraceptive methods choice,
- place of assistance,
- appointment of the citations,
- level of satisfaction with the service provided,
- reasons for drop-out.

A.- Study Population

- women post abortion
- women post partum (4 or + children, or diseases complicating pregnancy outcomes)
- HIV/AIDS
- adolescents (less than 20 years old)

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- informed consent procedure;
- structured intervew (questionnaire)
- counselling activities
- follow up and counselling reinforcement
- last interview regarding quality of care

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Structured interview (questionnaire)

- To inquire knowledge of sexual and reproductive health, prevention of STD, about RPP and available services, contraceptives options.
- To identify information sources to improve knowledge
- To report characteristics or RPP, services and options that it offers
- To investigate advantages or barriers for access to services

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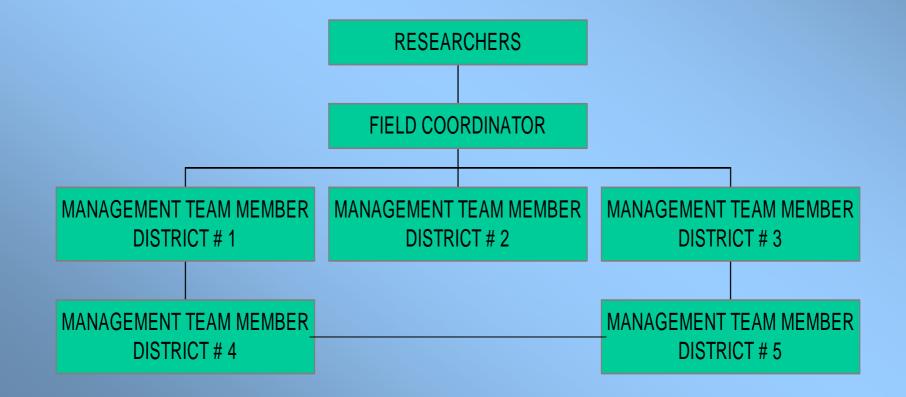
Counselling activities

- Women who have not acceded to RPP after two month from the first contact
- Women who adopted a contraceptive method, and did not perform the medical control or did not get the monthly provision.

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WORK GROUP



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- To elaborate the basic protocol;
- To implement the new record system use;
- To elaborate the questionnaires;
- To specify Health Promoters procedures and responsibilities;
- To qualify and to supervise Health Promoters actions;
- To establish counselling and interviews procedure guidelines.

Methods: D.- Analysis Plan

Two analytical lines are defined:

- 1st to understand women behavior in relation with the RPP, that they remained or left the program and their satisfaction with the received care
- 2nd line is effects measurement of
 « Counselling » strategy. (the general
 information produced by services months
 previous to study period, will be take as
 comparison reference.

Results:

- "do communities with a stronger family planning program presence, tend to have higher contraceptive prevalence rates and lower fertility rates than those with lesser program presence?"



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