

### Design, development and implementation of a Dentistry module for GNU Health: experience at the Humberto D'Angelo Primary Care Center in Argentina















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# Introduction

- Entre Ríos has 210 provincial health providers at the first level of care, of which 136 have dental services (not counting municipal ones).
- They are organized and function according to the requirements of the Department of Dentistry of the Provincial Ministry of Health
- The province has a "Dental Clinical History" and PAPER forms where data are collected for the service's care statistics



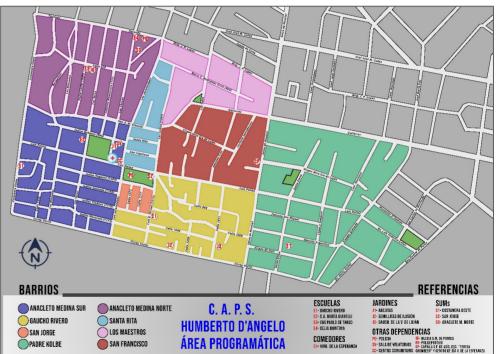
### Primary Health Care Center "H. D'Angelo"

GNU Health Information System implemented since 2014

- Public organization
- More than 10,000 people
- 8 neighborhoods

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• More than 2000 monthly appointments



# **GNU Health in the Health Center**

- Patient Management (SISA, PUCO and ReNaPer) -> Unique Identification
- Pharmacy Management
- Adult and Pediatric Medical History
- Gynecology and Obstetrics (Pregnancy Control)
- Nursing Service (Relationship with Evaluations)

#### **Provincial and National Programs**

- Adults with chronic diseases
- Maternity and Childhood
- Sexual and Reproductive Health
- Medicaments program
- Social Area, Mental Health and others

# **The Dentistry Service**

- 4 professionals
- more than 200 monthly consultations
- 4 schools within the programatic area (a lot of children)
- Dental records separated from medical history



# **The Need**

- From knowing the work that takes place in the dental offices of the first level of health care,
- the prevalence of dental problems in the community
- the desire to improve the work processes of the health team
- Need to collaborate with the international development of GNU Health

A development for the service began to be considered

## **The Proposal**

Design, develop and implement in the GNU Health System a module that allows to computerize the processes of the Dentistry Service:

- Integrate dental information into the EHR
- Improve patient care
- automate reports

# How (resources)



#### **Technological and Social Development Project**

"Development and Implementation of an interoperable information system to address data fragmentation at the first level of health"



# How (participants)

### **Design** → **Faculty of Engineering (Public Health)**

- Provincial regulations
- Dental Worksheet
- User needs

**Development** → **Silix** "Free computer solutions" (www.silix.com.ar)

**Implementation** → CAPS "Humberto D'Angelo

- Since July 2020





- Odontogram
  - Permanent
  - Temporary
- Dental Procedures (provincial standard)
- Access and registration permissions
- Reports

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• Translation

## **Results (development)**

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Odontogram with information and indicators

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# **Dentistry Procedures**

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- Standard provincial treatment
- Possibility of adding new treatments



# Implementation

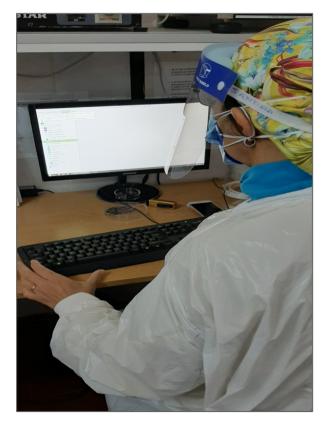
- A terminal was incorporated into the service and it is added to the Health Center Network.
- The module and the interface are presented to the users. New adaptations (Procedures)
- New presentation, training in the use and accompaniment.



# **Results (implementation)**

- Users using the system
  - Odontograms
  - Treatments
- Users managing appointments schedules, registering patients and consulting medical records
- Proposal for Improvements from users
- Development available for use, study, share and improvement (https://gitlab.com/gnuhealth\_fiuner/3.6)

## **Training and use**



Professionals are already registering odontograms, treatments and consulting medical records

(thank Dra. Sandra Baez for the picture)



## **Next steps**

- Strengthen the use of the system and evaluate the evolution of the records \*
- Replicate it in other effectors

- Adaptation to incorporate GNU Health international development
- Incorporate international standards for dental procedures and findings (eg SNOMED-CT)
- Incorporate automatic statistics reports
- Graphic tools for the representation of the Odontogram

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