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Surgimiento de la Primera Escuela Nacional de Terapia Ocupacional en Argentina: Aspectos cronológicos. Emergence of the First National School of Occupational Therapy in Argentina: The chronological

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Included in the project: "Historical Review of the Occupational Therapy in ENTO / UNSAM. Half a century of growth led by Bottinelli, whose research team is also composed by: Martinez del Pezzo Bredereke, Muholland, Nabergoi and Pellegrini. The review work on the origins of the formation, in the first School of Occupational Therapy (ENTO), which currently depends on the Universidad Nacional de San Martín (UNSAM) in Argentina.

The objective of this poster is to present the construction of a timeline with the dates of contexts: political, public health and rehabilitation related to the first ten years of career (1956-1966).

The information used is drawn from relevant documentation collected by the research team, such as books, photographs and interviews with key informants.

Results

Between 1953 and 1955 is produced in our country two epidemics of poliomyelitis that oblige the government to adopt health measures to treat the disease and its sequelae.

Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Mendez, who had been a patient of Occupational Therapists in England, suggest the formation in that profession in Argentina.

With the arrival of British therapists began the first training course in 1959 and establishing the School of Occupational Therapy. Located on the property that had been part of the "Fundación Eva Perón, is now where the ENTO / UNSAM.

Conclusions

The historical building (from the stories and anecdotes of the players) and study the context in which the facts are essential to understand why the events and the course of history itself.

Polio epidemic prompted the growth of the disciplines related to rehabilitation in the country. Also, the arrival of British therapists contributed to the formation of the profession, ENTO is the benchmark for the development of new schools in the country and Latin America.