

## **DIAGNOSTICO DE SITUACION E INCORPORACION DE TERAPISTAS OCUPACIONALES EN EL SISTEMA DE SALUD DE LA PROVINCIA DE BUENOS AIRES**

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### **SITUATION DIAGNOSIS AND INCORPORATION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS TO THE PROVINCE OF BUENOS AIRES HEALTH SYSTEM**

Buenos Aires is Argentina's most extensive and populous province. Its Public Health System includes 77 provincial hospitals, among which, there are general and specialized ones, of chronic and acute patients. There are different contractual regimens of the human resource, for example, the Professional Carrier Law, that of the administrative work and the scholarship system.

The objective of this presentation is to talk about the situation diagnosis of Occupational Therapy in the province's Health System, and the management done to include professional of this speciality.

Taking part on the management of Buenos Aires Health Ministry as a consultant of the United Nations Program for the Development, and as a colaborator of the Health Subsecretary of Attention and Coordination, in 2007, I carried out a research on the Occupational Therapists who were working on that ministry, finding out a total of 30 colleagues. Based on a health politic, which tends to include disciplines that provides a new look and had, until that moment, a lack of representation in the system, I was asked to carry out the process of Occupational Therapists' incorporation with the only contractual regiment available, the scholarship one.

Thirty more Occupational Therapists were incorporated within a year as a result of a strategy that prioritized hospitals whose directors manifested an aperture or demand of this speciality and the profile of the candidate colleagues who were informed.

In conclusion, this process of Occupational Therapists placement caused a great impact in the receptive system of these professional as well as in the colleagues' community. It brought new discussions about the Occupational Therapist's functions in hospitals and also, about the best work conditions within the current Health System.