

Evaluation of Public Health Policies and Programmes

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DESCRIPTION

The main objective of our group is to advance in the research related to the evaluation of policies, programs, and other interventions in public health. We promote high-quality research, internationalisation, and knowledge transfer to the scientific community, technicians, policymakers, and citizens. We generate evidence on the effectiveness and impact of public policies, plans or interventions (tobacco control law, mental health plan, housing policies, urbanistic interventions) that may affect population health. We promote the development and application of innovative methodologies for evaluation with an equity and gender perspective.

MAIN LINES OF RESEARCH

- Monitoring of behaviours and other health risk factors such as environmental exposure (FRESC survey and monitorisation of second-hand smoke). (López Medina, María José; Serral Cano, Gemma).
- Evaluation of public health policies and Action Plans (Tobacco control Law, Barcelona mental health action plan, housing with services, and transformation of schoolyards in Barcelona). (López Medina, María José; Continente García, Xavier).
- Evaluation of public health programmes and services (school-based prevention programmes, community-based interventions, breast cancer screening programmes). (Continente García, Xavier; Serral Cano, Gemma).

SCIENTIFIC CHALLENGES

- To promote research into the evaluation of policies and programmes.
- To support the debate on conceptual and methodological aspects of the impact evaluation of interventions on population health.
- To consolidate the group's research, fostering less developed aspects such as economic evaluation and evaluation of health protection interventions.
- To develop a theoretical corpus of concepts, principles, methods, and examples that contribute to filling the under and postgraduate teaching gap regarding the design and evaluation of public policies, plans, and other interventions.
- To promote the impact evaluation of policies, plans, and other interventions with an equity and gender perspective. Analysis of the molecular basis of abdominal aortic aneurysm: Identifying new therapeutic targets.

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