FORMATIVE SECOND OPINION: QUALIFYING THE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE IN BRAZIL

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BRAZIL: 47% of the territory of South America
8,514,876,599 km² – 191,480,630 inhabitants
5th major population contingent / low density (21.96 people/km²)
Population: 190,000,000 – 40% in metropolitan areas
States: 26 + Federal District
Municipalities: 5,563
Constitution of 1988 dictates: health is a right – government’s duty

Principles:

Universal Care
Equitable Care
Comprehensive Care
Unified Care
Regionalized Services Network
Social Participation
Early stage of development – started in 1994 – MoH started to finance Family Health Teams:

1 Physician;
1 bachelor-degree Nurse;
1 Dentist;
2 technical-degree Nurses and 4 to 6 Community Health Workers

30,000 FHT covering 90 million people/60% of the municipalities played a major role in the reduction of children mortality in the last decade
FAMILY HEALTH STRATEGY

THE RATE OF CHANGE
Actual % of people reached by FHT, 1998 (5%) - 2009 (90%)
BRAZIL TELEHEALTH PROGRAM – remote assistance and permanent education
Pilot Project – 9 states and 900 points –
www.telessaudebrasil.org.br

UnA-SUS – provides in-service training for thousands of health care providers
www.universidadeabertadosus.org.br

RUTE – Telemedicine University Network – connecting University Hospitals in collaborative Research and education across all federal states –
http://rute.rnp.br
Telehealth support for Primary Health Care – Objectives:

- Improve quality for Primary Health Care
- Prepare FHT workers
- Integrate academic institutions and Primary Care providers
- Improve eEducation
- Structured eConsultation and Second Opinion
- Create a Virtual Library for Primary Care (BVS-APS)
BRAZIL TELEHEALTH PROGRAM

Coverage:

- 9 states clusters implementing telehealth
- 900 e-health centers
- Supporting about 2,700 FHT,
- Covering 11,000,000 inhabitants

expansion states
BRAZIL TELEHEALTH PROGRAM

Expansion:

- 3 states + Federal District
- Priority: Northeast region and Brazilian Amazon
FHT send a question to the University Center.

The answer is structured, systematic and built, by experts, from the best clinical and scientific evidence available (grade).

The FSO are indexed according to the subject addressed and the professional category involved (professional, technical or community worker).

Virtual Library for Primary Health Care (www.telessaudebrasil.org.br)
Collection: 8,531 FSO – Dec, 2009

European libraries requests

Semi-structure survey: 200 people answering:

- 37.5% - Technical areas; 28% - Nursing; 24% - Medicine; 9.8% - Dentistry
- More responses by nurses – 31.5%
- Health Managers – 3.5% - management tool
The FSO has reached its aims:

- Support the FHS with qualification and support to make clinical decisions
- Support the health professionals fixation in isolated and vulnerable areas
- Building a HVL with the questions/answers in PHC
- Base to construct educational material and courses (UnA-SUS)
Thank you!

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