

Health in the key of university extension. Public policies and citizenship

The scientific journal Interfaz, published by the General Directorate of University Extension of the National University of Asuncion, in this edition presents refereed articles in three languages, Spanish, Guaraní and English, which address studies that denote the academic link with society, thus contributing to public policies on health. Considering its missionary role, extension as an educational process aims to produce changes in people's attitudes, knowledge, abilities and skills, helping them to discover and value, through this linkage, their environment in order to favor care and quality of life.

One of them called: "The Invisibles" exposes experiences on the health of people who work and live on the street, this allows us to reflect on the vulnerability in which people who generally go unnoticed live and work, who are on the margins of public policies. This article describes in a simple and sensitive way how they are vulnerable to preventable diseases, while they struggle to survive economically on a daily basis.

Another, entitled "Cardiovascular risk factors in the inhabitants of the Espinillo community, Coronel Oviedo - Paraguay, 2022" describes the actions that health students undertake to help the inhabitants of a community to discover the cardiovascular risk factors present among young people and adults, so that they can improve their habits, considering that many of these factors can be modified by changing their lifestyles.

The descriptive study of experiences of linkage with the community through social dentistry in Concepción, Paraguay, presents experiences of activities that apply the concept of social dentistry in educational communities in this department, led by UNA and the UNC with the cooperation of the University of Seville, Spain; Through educational and preventive actions, 450 people who voluntarily attended to receive dental treatment and preventive knowledge on how to take care of their oral health were helped, making it possible to intervene assertively to reverse the underlying challenges to health care in the economic and social context of the social actors involved in this locality.

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The game as an educational tool for the promotion of proper eating habits in children of the fifth and sixth grade of the Repollito school in the city of Coronel Oviedo, Year 2022; presents as an objective to improve through the promotion of adequate eating habits in a positive way in the oral health of the referred children, considering that in these stages of life these habits of behavior or conduct that affect in a negative way can be reversed to be positive for the physical, mental and social well-being so that they are healthy to avoid gum diseases or dental pieces, in order to preserve them and thus maintain a good general health.

The article entitled "Health situation and socio-environmental conditions in the José Félix micro-territory, Santo Domingo de Guzmán. Results of a community diagnosis. Concepción Paraguay, year 2022, presents the results of a study carried out by the second semester of the nursing career in which the diagnosis of a micro territory is described on socio-demographic data, on the conditions in which they live, access to goods and basic services, as well as access to health services in this population diverse in age and gender with a high prevalence of chronic non-communicable diseases.

Finally the study called Social linkage and academic development between surgical instrumentation and Operation Smile International, is a study in which the objective was to know the results regarding the social linkage and academic development between the career of surgical instrumentation and the smile foundation, in this study numerous people were assisted making inter-institutional alliances linking the university with society, which allowed to consolidate academic knowledge and also the professional relationship with other professionals allowing to know other contexts of the labor market.

Finally, while thanking all the authors, editorial team, national and international scientific committee and translators, for the confidence in our work that made possible the current publication; we hope the continuity of their contributions both in the dissemination of knowledge and knowledge about University Extension within and outside the academic community, reaffirming the role of extension to generate changes in the framework of its competence towards people in the construction of sustainable and inclusive societies.

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