1. **Music therapy (MT) in Argentina for adult patients with Hematologic malignancies (APHM): challenges and opportunities**

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**Background**: Despite evidence-based medicine describes the beneficial effect of MT for APHM, MT is not provided by the Argentinian health care system to these patients.

The main challenges that we found are:

1) Low number of licensed Music therapists.

2) Inadequate training in University.

3) The current legislation does not cover MT for cancer patients.

4) Fundaleu is the only center that provides MT for APHM since 2009 as part of the Integrative Medicine Service (IMS).

**Aim**: To describe the obstacles and possible solutions to provide MT to APHM in Argentina.

**Methodology**:

1) Bibliographic review of MT for hematologic malignances in high quality cancer and MT publications.

2) Review of Argentinian legislation concerning MT.

3) Review of Argentinian Universities and their learning programs.

4) Observational rotation in the IMS of Fundaleu, participating in the educational program for non-medical staff and describing short and integrated interventions.

**Results:**

1) 42 articles in English, 2 in Spanish.

2) 5 universities. Only in 1 of 23 Argentinian states. 5-year education training. Cancer not included.

3) 800 national licensed music therapists. Legal reimbursement only for mental health and neurological disorders.

4) IMS training for MT: a) Hematological malignancies b) Resiliency c) Integrating the multidisciplinary team d) Short MT interventions (active and receptive, imagery).

**Analysis**: Promoting research in our centers and generating more availability of current educational material in Spanish may improve both MT and medical recognition of the benefits of MT for APHM.

**Conclusion**: Our description of 11 years providing MT to APHM in an IMS with an adaptive training program may encourage other centers in Argentina and other countries that share similar challenges to include MT in their IM Services.