# Medication Safety Use in Colombia: The view of the ACQFH

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# National background

National Patient Safety Policy • 2008 Health Services basic standards

• 2013

National Accreditation Process

• Voluntary process

International accreditation

• By JCI



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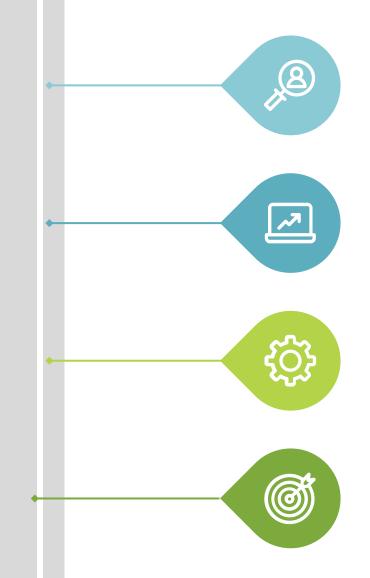
### Evolution during the past 9 years



## Actual situation for Hospital Pharmacy

Compuonding	Unit Dose System	High Risk	Controlled substances
100% Medications should be compound by Pharmacy	100% Hospitals must have a Unit Dose Program	100% Hospitals must have a high risk medication list.	Effort on 0% losses of controlled substances
Good Compounding Practices	Electronic Prescription and labeling	Medication use proceesses risk assesstment	Staff education and control

# Pharmaceutical Industry challenges



Moves towards regional harmonization of labels

#### Lack of knowledge on regulatory authorities about safer labeling strategies

 Tall-man lettering is not allowed in Chile
 Difficulties to state safer strength

expression in Central America

Shortages: "Vital not available"

# Few ready to use medications available

### Some medication errors: case 1



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# New evidence on safer labeling

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Research Article Estimating the impact of label design on reducing the risk of medication errors by applying HEART in drug administration	<b>99</b> Cite Cite     Status: Under Review     Springer	Download PDF
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This is a preprint; it has not been peer reviewed by a journal.         https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-3250873/v1         This work is licensed under a CC BY 4.0 License	Version 1 posted 17 Aug, 2023	~
Abstract	<ul> <li>Reviews received at journal</li> <li>Reviewers agreed at journal</li> </ul>	27 Sep, 2023 22 Sep, 2023
Medication errors are one of the biggest problems in healthcare. The medicines ' poor labelling design (i.e., Look-Alike labels) is a well-recognised risk for potential confusion, wrong administration, and patient damage. Human Factors and Ergonomics (HFE)	<ul> <li>Reviewers invited by journal</li> <li>Submission checks completed at journal</li> </ul>	28 Aug, 2023 10 Aug, 2023
encourages the human-centred design of system elements, which might reduce medication errors and improve people's well-being and system performance.	n Editor assigned by journal First submitted to journal	10 Aug, 2023 10 Aug, 2023

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Research Article

**Aim:** To estimate impact of a Human-Centred Design (HCD) labels on medication administration compared to a Look-Alike (LA) labels.

**Method:** Modified Human Error Assessment and Reduction Technique (HEART) version to analyse a medication administration task in a simulated NICU scenario (Ergonomics – Human Factors).

**Results:** Human Error Probability was reduced by up to 56%, and the percentage of contribution to the unreliability of label design was consistently reduced by at least 40% in all the scenarios when the HCD label was evaluated.





# ACQFH MEDICATION SAFETY USE CHAPTER



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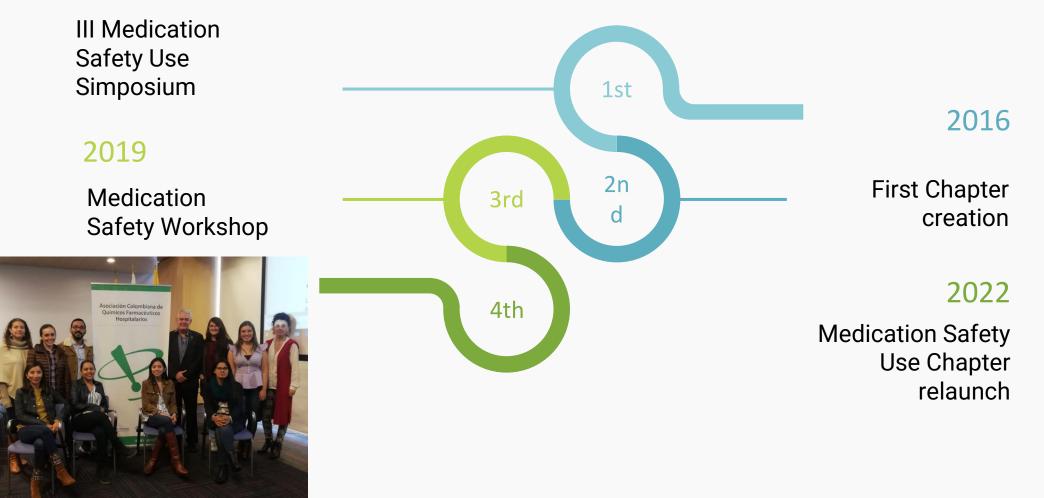
## **MAIN OBJECTIVE**

To stablish a working team belonging to the ACQFH responsible for identifying, promoting and managing the Safe Use of Medicines in Colombia, and acting as a national and international reference.



### **HISTORY OF MEDICATION SAFETY USE CHAPTER**

#### 2015



## **OUR TEAM**



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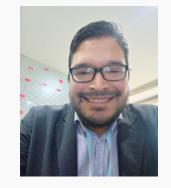
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# **STRATEGIC GOALS**



Establish a comprehensive overview of safe medication use at national level.



To lead consensus relating to safe medication use, and to offer technical support to the healthcare system in this field



To propose and disseminate strategies for medication safety use, and define local implementation models



To maintain a permanent relationship with international medication safety networks in a two-way approach.



#### **MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS**





#### Medication safety use chapter relaunch



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### Some medication errors: case 2



Bebé de nueve meses, con pronóstico

reservado por error con

# medicamento

Le habrían suministrado 33 veces más la cantidad del fármaco que requería para tratar la dermatitis.



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# contributing factors

## **Improvement** actions



Lack of availability of commercially pediatric drugs

Calculation errors for pediatric doses.

Administration in emergency department.

Delegating medication ad ministration activity



Increase in the preparation of standard pediatric doses in pharmacy compounding area



Education and training



Update available information and protocols



Share lessons learned



### **MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS**



Position paper: Recommendations for safe drug preparation in hospitals





### **KEY CHALLENGES**







#### PUBLIC HOSPITALS MEMBERS

#### RELATIONSHIP WITH ACADEMY

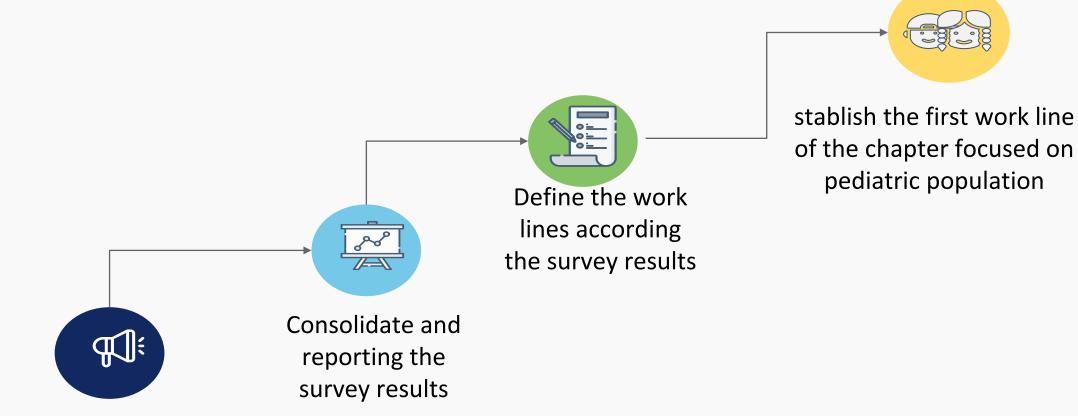
### NATIONAL POLICY

To Increase the number of chapter members including those from public hospitals.

To Stablish an ongoing relationship to support research initiatives and publications. To Build a national policy of safe use of medications at the government level.



## **NEXT STEPS**



Continue the position paper disclosure activities









# SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!



