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Advantages of a new healthcare model to attend chronicity in primary care

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Background & Aim: The progressive aging of the population has resulted in significant challenges for health administrations. In Catalonia, 80 % of health resources are used in the care of chronic patients. The goal is to establish a model of collaborative care between different devices and healthcare areas (health and social) that advance a model of quality care

- 1) Determine the attention characteristics for patients in situation of complexity: Complex Chronic Diseases (CCD) and patients included in the Advanced Chronicity Care Model (ACCM); observing origin (Case Managers, Palliative Care Units, Primary Care), type of management (home visit or telephone consultation), and destination (home or hospital).

- 2) Determine the causes of referrals to hospital.

Methodology: Cross-sectional study of multidisciplinary care provided to Complex Chronic Diseases

patients (CCD) and patients included in the (ACCM) recorded in the database (e-CAP) of our Attention to Chronicity Unit (UFACC) during the period between 02.01.2013 and 09.30.2015.

Method: Healthcare processes were recorded from the CCD agenda of L'Hospitalet de Llobregat recording data of home visits (D) or telephone consultations (CT); origin of the patients (Palliative Care Units, Case Managers, Home Care, Primary Care, Emergency Medical Services) and resolution (transfer to hospital or not).

Results: Since the creation of the Chronicity Care Attention Service (SEVIAC) in 2013, there has been a significant increase (57.3%) of referrals from Primary Care Teams through the figure of the Case Managers in 2015.

The total procedures performed at home or by telephone contact showing a clear increase in telephone negotiations resolved in 2014 (64.4%).

Since the beginning of the SEVIAC program in 2013 to the present, an increase in telephone negotiations addressing health problems were resolved (97.9%) and hospital referrals significantly decreased (2,3%).

Conclusion: Multidisciplinary assessment and ongoing attention allows an optimum management of social-health resources according to the patients needs.