

Assessing the needs and the quality of life of women with advanced breast cancer



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"This grant means a lot to FUCA, because it represents a great opportunity to lend a hand to patients with advanced breast cancer, a group that faces special complexities in coping with the impact of the disease. I am convinced that developing data and information about the quality of life and needs of this population is a crucial step before planning any intervention. I am also very happy for being able to work in collaboration with institutions from other regions in Argentina and to develop a complete overview of the situation in the whole country."



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Short description

Development of a questionnaire about the quality of life of women MBC in Argentina in addition to a website and a brochure for MBC patients.

Abstract

Each year, 19,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer in Argentina. Even though most of these patients are at an early stage of the disease, a significant number of them have or will develop advanced breast cancer.

We plan to conduct a survey about the quality of life of women with advanced breast cancer in Argentina that will not only provide useful data about their needs in terms of information, support and other resources, but also evaluate disparities in the access of services. We will include questions on socio-demographic data, medical variables and quality of life such as physical, psychological, spiritual and social well-being. We will also survey patients' access to diagnosis and treatment, the impact of the disease on their financial and social situation and the level of access to support and information. We will also create a website and a brochure for patients providing information about the disease, including signs and symptoms, treatments and side effects, day to day matters such as talking with friends and family about advanced breast cancer, work, nutrition, exercise and tips. The results of the survey will build the base for a public awareness campaign and evidence-based advocacy from the patient's perspective as well as a baseline for future interventions.

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