Exercise on prescription from primary healthcare settings: Lessons and perspectives from the Let's Walk programme "Programa CAMINEM"

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## POPULATION (2009)

#### Lleida: 135.919

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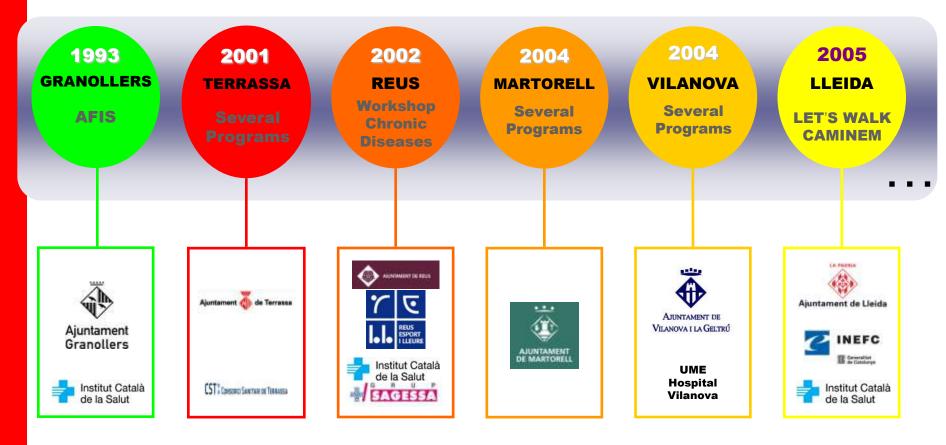


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Picture borrowed from Xavier Peirau (2005)



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## 2. "LET'S WALK" BACKGROUND

#### TEAMWORK

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#### AIMS

To support exercise prescription or physical activity advice from primary health care  $\rightarrow$  Health-Enhancing Physical Activity

#### METHODS

Meetings with Health Professionals (HP) explaining the purpose of the urban routes and other material.

Contact person to deliver data.











## 2. "LET'S WALK" BACKGROUND

#### **RESULTS & EVALUATION**

- Practical problems to install software to HP computers.
- Lack of prescriptions delivered to the contact person.
- Meetings to refresh the project without positive results.

#### **NO EVALUATION OF THE PROCESS**

#### POSITIVE OUTCOMES

- Published paper about setting urban routes.
- PhD research grant.
- Spontaneous attitudes from HPs towards HEPA.





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Peirau (2011), based on Bouchard (1990)



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- 2003 Project design. Health Professional recruitment
- 2003-04 Urban routes design
- 2005 Validation of the urban routes. Tools: routes, logbook
- 2005-09 ???
- 2010 Article published

Did HPs use the CAMINEM tools? Why not? Who does still know about them? Who is willing to collaborate?





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Aims of the study

To assess the feasibility of the approach using the RE-AIM model

Reach, effectiveness, adoption, implementation, maintenance

#### <u>Key issues</u>

- Physical therapists do not work within primary healthcare settings
- Physical therapists lack education on exercise medicine
- GP or nurse time per patient/visit: 6 minutes
- Legal & political framework (<u>PAFES</u>, PLAN INTEGRAL A+D)





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#### <u>LET'S WALK PROGRAM</u> 2010 – 2011

#### COULD THE "LET'S WALK" PROGRAM BE FEASIBLE?

- Exercise Specialist (*≠physiotherapist*) prescribing physical exercise (continuous harmonic aerobic exercise at moderate intensity) to patients being previously referred by HP (physician or nurse). **10h/week**
- In two Primary Healthcare Centres: A) GP researcher <u>involved</u>, B) Nurses <u>willing to collaborate</u>. No extra time
- Protocols set for:
  - Patients referral
  - First contact ES patient
  - Follow-up contact ES patient

- Patients discharge
- Communication ES HP
- Patients data collection



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Participants (patients) inclusion criteria:

- -18 years old and older
- Chronic disease that may benefit from exercising (controlled physical activity): cardiovascular diseases, respiratory disorders, metabolic disorders, musculoskeletal problems, mental diseases,...
- Acceptation to the inclusion (at HP, at ES)

Exclusion criteria:

- -HP or ES consider exercise as risk
- -Unstable condition





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#### LET'S WALK PROGRAM 2010 - 2011

Participants (professionals) inclusion criteria:

- -General Practitioner or Community Nurse
- -Fulltime or part-time dedication

Exclusion criteria:

-Refuse to participate





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Patients referred	109	120
Patients included (>65y)	80 (28)	101 (32)
Drop-out patients	48	64
Active 6+ months	19	28
Active 12 months = COMPLETED	10	12
Ratio discharged:referred	1:10	1:10
Ratio active:referred	1:3	1:3

Williams, N. H., Hendry, M., France, B., Lewis, R., & Wilkinson, C. (2007). Effectiveness of exercise-referral schemes to promote physical activity in adults: systematic review. British Journal of General Practice, 57(545), 979-986. doi: 10.3399/096016407782604866

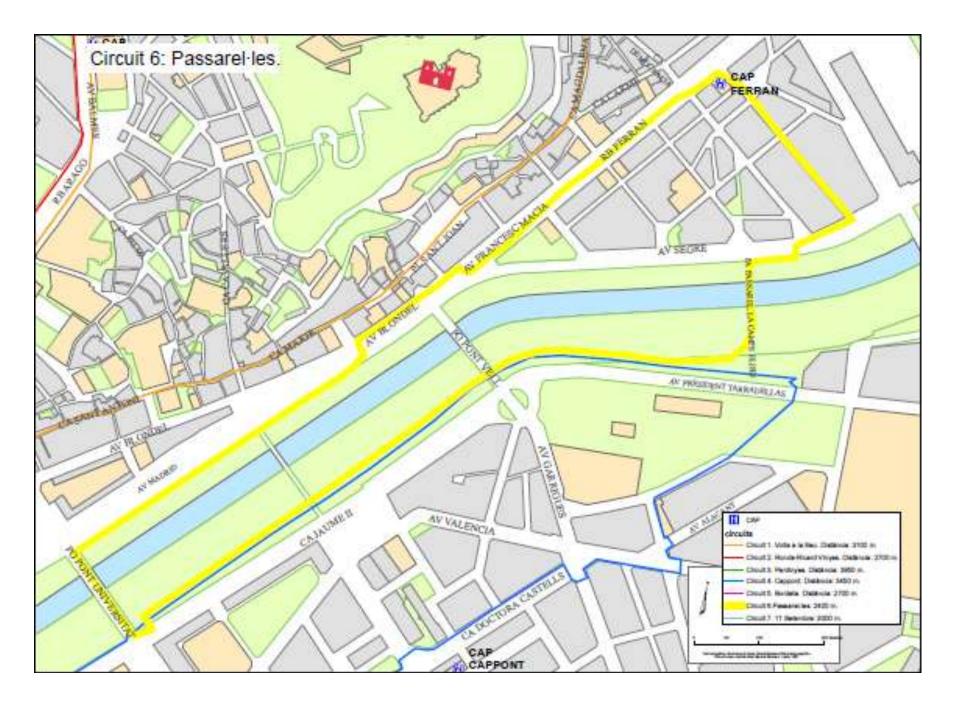


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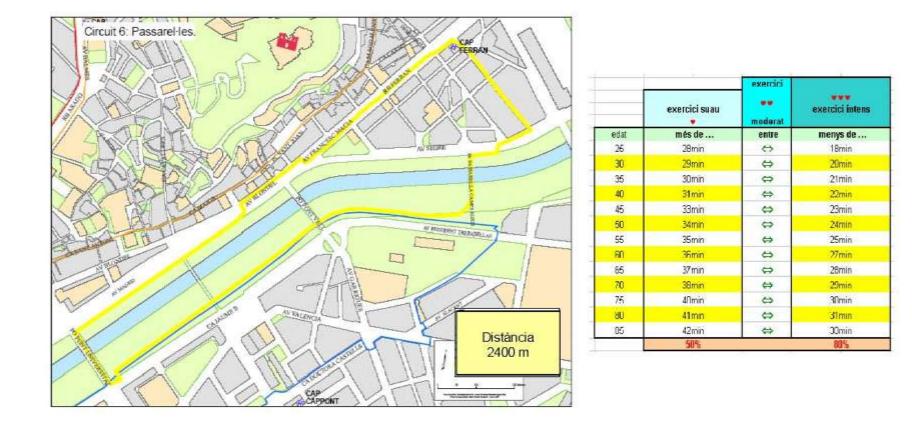
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