

(Panel 31) **South-American Cooperation in HTA:
The Mercosur Experience**

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Outline

- Definitions
- Mercosur cooperation
- Results of the HTA Mercosur Project
- Lessons learned



HTA

Analysis of the clinical, social and economic impacts of health technologies, considering aspects such as efficacy, effectiveness, safety, costs, cost-effectiveness, access, health care and environmental contexts .

Some objectives:

- to support decision-making concerning the incorporation and disinvestment of health technology
- to support the elaboration of clinical guidelines
- to plan relevant innovations
- to improve quality of health care



Mercosur Cooperation

Treaty of Asunción - 1991

Southern Common Market as a Regional Trade Agreement (RTA)

MoH:

ARGENTINA

BRAZIL

PARAGUAY

URUGUAY



Mercosur Cooperation

The Work Subgroups are directly subordinated to the Common Market Group

- 14 Work Subgroups.

The Subgroup No. 11, “Health”, was created in 1996 through Resolution GMC No. 151/96



Mercosur cooperation

1998 – 2001 - **Sub-Commission named “ Health Technology”** (Resolutions GMC No. 4/98 and No. 21/01) as part of the Commission on Health Service Delivery.

2005 - **The Sub-Commission was restructured as “Assessment and Use of Technologies in Health Services”** (Resolution GMC No. 06/05) as part of the Commission on Health Care Service

Mercosur Cooperation - Goals

Diagnosis of HTA in countries

Standardization of methods

Harmonization of HTA methods among countries

Capacity-building

Definition and harmonization of Health Technology Management (HTM) Guidelines for Medical Devices.

Promote knowledge transfer and the sharing of HTA information

Dissemination studies to support decision-making

HTA Joint Project – to reduce disparities



**HTA
Guidelines**

HARMONIZATION

**MERCOSUR
Resolutions**

INTERNALIZATION in
each COUNTRY,
incorporation of norms into
internal judicial systems



Elaborated by Pedro Galvan - Paraguay

Harmonization of HTA Methods Among Countries

- HTA Glossary
- HTA-Methodology Guideline (Resolution GMC No. 18/05)
- HTA Application Form (Resolution GMC N° 12/08)
- HTA-Report Guidelines (Resolution GMC No. 52/08)
- Adaptation Guide for Clinical Practice Guidelines
- Economic Evaluation Guideline



HTA Project:

Results from 2009/10

**(networking, capacity building,
resources, infrastructure and
training)**



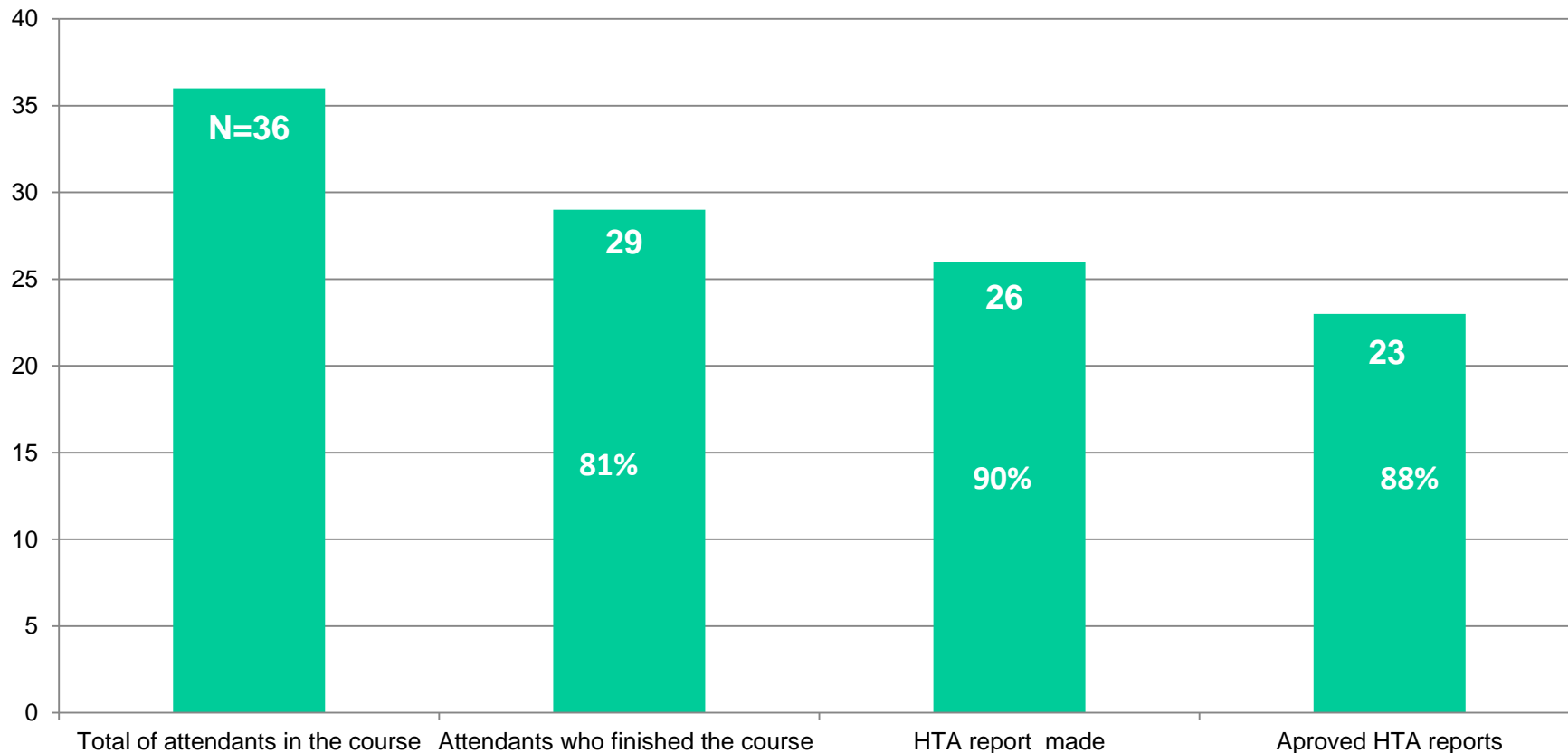
Capacity Building Results 2009

Study Tour

Country	Period	Participants	Topic
Argentina – Buenos Aires and Jujuy	November 9 – 13, 2009	2 Brazil 1 Paraguay 2 Argentina 1 Uruguay	Appraisal and Implementation of Clinical Practice Guidelines
Brazil - Brasilia	November 30 to December 4, 2009	2 Brazil 1 Paraguay 2 Argentina 1 Uruguay	Structure, Methods and Processes of Decit/MoH. Health Technology Assessment Applied to Decision-making.
Total		12 participants	

HTA Course (e-learning) – Mercosur Project 2009

Number of participants



Dissemination Strategies

- Translation of the Brazilian HTA Bulletin (BRATS) into Spanish
- Virtual platform (in development)
- Network session at the HTAi 2010 – Dublin
- Mercosur Meeting – HTAi2011

How are the goals currently served by your organizations?

To learn about the uses of HTA in distinct areas:

- Argentina: the quality of health care and patient safety
- Paraguay: management of medical devices
- Uruguay: management of drugs and medical devices/
incorporation of health technologies

Internalization in each country and incorporation of norms into internal judicial systems

Exchange of strategic information and studies.



Some challenges...

The internalization of norms in countries that are currently in different stages of development.

Continuous financing to produce HTA studies among the countries

Ongoing professional training



What is essential ?

To move forward together.

Integration of complementary expertise

Maximize utilization of scarce HTA resources,
avoiding a duplication of efforts

Learn from those countries with consolidated
HTA policies



Thank you!

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