

# I JORNADA DE COHORTES POBLACIONALES LATINOAMERICANAS PARA EL ESTUDIO DE ENFERMEDADES CRÓNICAS –COPLAS

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## BEGINNING TO CLOSE...

### Concepts, ideas and opportunities to strengthen collaboration among our groups

- Heterogeneity of our cohorts
- The reason behind the efforts for establishing a collaboration:
  - a. We have a need
  - b. There is power in being able to collaborate → collaboration is essential to grow, to make our projects sustainable, to improve access to funding, to improve access to other platforms, etc
- Increasing knowledge on who we are and what we are doing in our cohorts:
  - a. From here we can start additional conversations
  - b. The COPLAS book as a tool to make this visible in our web sites
  - c. Also, we need that the community as a whole may gain understanding on the relevance of this kind of studies

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- To enhance linkage between cohort data and administrative registries: great potential
- In terms of data capture: REDCap as the recommended software → Relevance of informatics and use of encrypted data
- Are cohorts studies an intervention? Are we ready to nest experimental designs in our cohorts?.  
Shared thought: translation from epidemiological findings into public health improvements seems mandatory, both for ethical reasons and practical issues.

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- COPLAS as a platform to begin a sustained collaboration → network? consortium?
- Keys to not die in the attempt: keep it inclusive, simple, transparent, flexible (e.g. not to expect full compatibility)
- Review our collaborative experience in 2-3 years from now
- Can we identify 3 specific things that we want to do next? (besides reviewing the draft of the COPLAS meeting manuscript that we will circulate)

1.

2.

3.

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Our next meeting → When? Where?

Be begun this meeting thinking about the concept of “This is mine”

May I quote a little passage that I got from an old writer, who lived before the time of Shakespeare?  
He used the old English word 'mickle' which meant 'much.'

**“Mickle have, mickle do. Let have, let do. Nothing have, at least have a good intention”**

Walter Hilton

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