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Dear PCC NET members and interested individuals,

In this newsletter, a former member of our PCC NET core team, Dr. Alejandra Martínez, shares her journey from a PhD to a postdoc. Also, some details about the upcoming conference on patient-centered care in Santiago de Chile are shared!

Kind regards,

Nadine (on behalf of the PCC NET core team)



The journey from a PhD to a postdoc

Hello PCC Net members,

My name is Alejandra Martinez. I am Paraguayan and I lived in Chile for 9 years, there I finished my Ph.D. in Sociology. During my time in Chile, my focus on healthcare for pregnant migrant women in Santiago led me to delve into the concepts of Patient Centered Care and Shared Decision Making. Also, I met Prof. Paulina Bravo, who was a key mentor during my transition from my doctoral studies to the academic world.



Since 2020, I've been an active member of PCC Net, gaining valuable insights within the core team. This experience has deepened my understanding of Patient Centered Care and different methodologies applicable to diverse contexts. PCC Net has been fundamental in connecting me with people who are working on the same topic and provide me with a platform to share academic journeys.

All I learned in Germany and Chile, with the PCC Net core team and other members inspired me to pursue a postdoc opportunity beyond Latin America. In January 2023, I happily joined the OpenRecordings lab, led by Dr. Paul Barr in the United States, marking the beginning of a new chapter in my life.

At the OpenRecordings lab, the multidisciplinary team is engaged in projects exploring the implications and applications of audio and video recordings of clinic visits. Currently, I am coordinating the VOICES³ project (National Institute on Aging - R01AG077113), aimed at designing an intervention to enhance interpersonal communication in triadic visits (involving people living with dementia, their care partners, and clinicians) using visit recordings. Additionally, I am exploring other topics of interest with Latino farmworkers in the New England area.

I extend my gratitude to PCC Net for opening doors and connecting me with people who have played a crucial role in realizing another dream in my academic journey.

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1st Latin American Conference on Person-Centered Care

We invite you to participate in the upcoming conference on the implementation of person-centered care in health care to be held in Santiago, Chile, on **January 23-24, 2024**. We will have workshops and seminars by leading experts in the field. Both days will be held between 8:00 and 17:00. We have already opened the call for abstracts. So if you would like to participate in or contribute to the conference, please visit our webpage and register for this conference: <https://www.pcc-network.org/es/congreso-2024/>



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Short notes

Save the date!

Our next online event is coming up! Marie-Anne Durand is a Health Psychologist with a Doctoral Degree in Medicine and a longstanding interest in evidence-based public health and applied health services research. She is a Inserm Public Health Researcher (CRCN) in France (INSERM, University Toulouse III Paul Sabatier) and will present on **Health literacy, shared decision making and health inequalities: What do we know and what can we do better?**

When? **15th of January** 13:00 – 14:30 (Germany, CET)/9 – 10:30am (Chile)
Simultaneous translation to Spanish will be provided!

Conference coming up!

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23 – 24 January 2024 in Santiago de Chile**

If you like to participate in our online events, please email info@pcc-network.org. Happy holidays and thank you very much for being part of this network!



Kind regards,

Dr. Nadine Lages, Prof. Dr. Paulina Bravo, Ivo Engert, Prof. Dr. Dr. Martin Härter, Constanza Quezada, Prof. Dr. Isabelle Scholl