Objectives and description:

To share the conceptual and methodological issues related to quality criteria for health information in the Internet and the mechanisms of implementation of such criteria in the Region of the Americas.

Country and regional websites related to Bioethics, Gender, Violence and Equity were analyzed (see survey documents of Mexico, Chile and Colombia) and their results will be reviewed during the workshop, as part of PAHO's strategy for information dissemination in support of Health Equity in the Americas.

The workshop is expected to contribute both to scholarly and policy debate on quality criteria, policy tools to assist the development, implementation and/or evaluation processes associated with achieving Quality of health information in the Internet in the Region of the Americas.

Speakers will include academic scholars as well as representatives of different health organizations from around the world who will participate in the discussion.

Key themes will include: Information quality criteria, quality and standards of health information on the internet, strengths and weaknesses of the major quality initiatives world-wide, knowledge exchange developments. The program will conclude with a presentation of a Research proposal from the Information Center for Healthcare Decision-Making of the National Institute of Public Health of Mexico.

This workshop is a first step in a process that will include consultation with governments, and other public and private sector stakeholders in the Member Countries, to establish a Regional Strategy for Quality of Information in the Internet, to be considered by PAHO's Directive Bodies.

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