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Clínica MEDS started in 1992 and has become the main center for sports medicine in Chile. Clínica MEDS began through the work of a group of professionals from the Health



Unit of the Olympic Committee of Chile (COCH) with the mission of delivering a high-quality, personalized care to ensure the quickest and best recovery of athletes. Clínica MEDS is recognized by athletes throughout Chile, as well as different sports organizations and associations worldwide. Through innovative concepts, high standards of safety and quality, and the delivery of comprehensive service, Clínica MEDS has achieved recognition as the best organization in rehabilitation and re-integration to physical activity and work of patients. Starting in 2015, Clínica MEDS developed a physical activity promotion area dedicated to taking the recommendations of physical activity for health to the community.

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2020 Goals

- Launch an online physical activity training workshop in Chile and throughout Latin America for health professionals
 - Continue to organize national training events for health care providers to educate them on the recommendations and benefits of physical activity for the promotion of health
 - Raise awareness with public and private health institutions, as well as with the main medical societies, on the importance of assessing physical activity and providing recommendations to improve the health of the population
 - Increase the number of health professionals who are evaluating, prescribing, and advising physical activity to their patients
 - Increase the number of medical students with basic knowledge about the benefits and recommendations of physical activity for health
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Accomplishments to Date

- Conduct annual EIM conferences in Chile involving health leaders from around the country and Latin America
- Hosted ACSM/EIM leaders to give talks and lectures to Chilean physicians
- Hosted 5 workshops for a total of 175 health professionals and 2 workshop for 86 exercise professionals in 2018-19
- Received sponsorship for workshops from Abbott Pharmaceuticals
- In the process of launching a series of continuing medical education training modules online for use by health care providers across Chile and Latin America
- Launched the EIM LatinoAmerica website (<https://www.exerciseismedicine.org/latinamerica>)

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