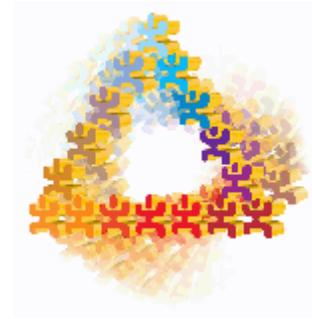




## CARMEN Country Profiles: Uruguay



In 2002, based on the 2002 WHO Global Burden of Disease data<sup>1</sup>, noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) accounted for 82.9% of the total 30,523 deaths in Uruguay. The leading cause of death among the noncommunicable diseases was cardiovascular disease, with an Age Standardized Mortality Rate (ASMR) of 207 per 100,000 (40.1%). Malignant neoplasms followed, with an ASMR of 170 per 100,000 (32.9%). Chronic respiratory diseases were responsible for an ASMR of 32 per 100,000 cases (6.3%); and diabetes, for an ASMR of 13 per 100,000 (2.6%). The remainder was due to other non-specified conditions.

Date	Evolution of the CARMEN Initiative
2005	CARMEN School

The following six main health-related objectives have been established for the 200–2005 period: strengthen the management of public and private health care institutions; adapt the supply available services to the epidemiological characteristics and needs of the population; make health care coverage universal by facilitating access and care at the four levels of complexity; enhance the quality of services at the four levels of complexity; rationalize the use of services at the Institutes of Highly Specialized Medicine; and promote the participation of service users and health care institutions in order to solve problems in a climate of trust and respect for the rights of citizens.<sup>2</sup>

The public and private sectors are working side by side in Uruguay, to implement CARMEN programs throughout the communities.

<sup>1</sup> World Health Organization. *WHO Global InfoBase Online. Country Profiles*. 2006.

<sup>2</sup> Pan American Health Organization. *Regional Core Health Data Initiative. Country Health Profiles*. 2002.

Uruguay has set up CARMEN School with the aim of providing training on NCD prevention and control for health professionals in the southern region of the country.<sup>3</sup> A course had taken place with the participation of Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina and with collaboration of PAHO and St. Louis University, and with the Faculty of Medicine of the University of the Republic acting as the responsible academic party in the country.

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<sup>3</sup> Vazquez, Rodolfo. *Biannual Meeting of the CARMEN Network*. Chile, October 2005.