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Dear [ECONMED](#) participants

On this occasion we are glad to share the recording of the virtual training session on access and use Brasil's Bank of Health Prices in Health (BPS) carried out yesterday as a collaboration of PAHO's [Regional Office](#) of PAHO in Washington DC, national [PAHO office in Brazil](#) and public officials from [Brazil's Ministry of Health](#) in charge of the [BPS](#) development and management.

- The session was attended by representatives of **Mexico's** Unit of Economic Analysis (UAE) at the [Health Secretary](#) and the National Center of Technological Excellence in Health ([CENETEC](#)) and members of the support group for drugs pricing Policies of **Colombia's** [Ministry of Social Protection](#), with the presence of the sub-regional consultant for **Central America** of PAHO's Group on Medicines and Health Technologies.
- On the basis of the manual prepared by staff at [Brazil's Ministry of Health](#) (translation into the Spanish will be distributed through [ECONMED](#)) Dr. Mónica Samrsla explained [BPS](#) origins, in 1998, detailing its evolution and current operations status ; public health institutions with responsibility and capacity in sanitary procurements purchases of products in Brazil were acknowledged as fundamental actors in the provision and updating of accessible data. Data and information that encompass not only pharmaceutical products but also medical devices and other sanitary goods.
- A practical demonstration of prices search for oncological drugs was undertaken, detecting some of the difficulties that [BPS](#) users might find whilst using the tool. From the registry to access validation up to the identification of the code by products or the differences between the International Nonproprietary Name (INN) and the terminology used in the Brazilian context. The possibility of exporting the data (grouped chronologically, by presentation and volumes of purchase among other parameters) directly to other computer supports (Excel) shall be highlighted.

Several [ECONMED](#) participants of have already registered [BPS](#) users (we recall the need for complementing the form distributed). Dr. Monica Smarsala (Monica.samrsla@saude.gov.br) has expressed its willingness in attending and responding in case of doubts or difficulties. In order to link with the discussions initiated at the regional headquarters of PAHO in December 2009 we would ask to those responsible for other prices/health data banks and observatories , either of national or subregional nature, to share their experiences and capacities with [ECONMED](#) participants in order to feed the consolidation process of the Regional Platform for Access and Innovation (PRIA).

Link to e-luminate recording

<https://sas.elluminate.com/site/external/launch/play.jnlp?sid=1110&psid=2011-04-13.0726.M.4561C4EAFE34A3613865C7A8EAB81A.vcr>

BPS adress

http://portal.saude.gov.br/portal/saude/Gestor/area.cfm?id_area=939

ECONMED counts on the contribution (through requests of information, sharing of best practices, dissemination materials of interest ...) of its participants to keep building up collaborative spaces of work between public health professionals in the Americas. You can submit your communications on any topic related to the legal and economic regulation of pharmaceutical products for approval to econmed@listserv.paho.org



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