

AAOT Morbid-Mortality Committee

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The Morbid-Mortality Committee was created by the *Asociación Argentina de Ortopedia y Traumatología* (AAOT) in 2010, and its function is framed by the AAOT.

It arises from the AAOT's need for real data and statistics in the field of Orthopedics all along the country. Since its creation up to September 2018 it has been presided by Dr. Lidia Loterzo (someone we are thankful for her work and the efforts she has made) and, nowadays, it is made up of specialists from different areas in our country with the purpose of increasing its number of members while fostering federal spirits in its make-up.

The MMC has established links with the Argentine Federation of Regional Association of Orthopedics for Professional Practice (FAAOTEP, by its Spanish acronym), the Argentine Association for the Study of Hip and Knee (ACARO, by its Spanish acronym), the Argentine Association of Orthopedic Trauma (AATO, by its Spanish acronym), and the Argentine Association of Sports Orthopedics (AATD, by its Spanish acronym), with the aim of widening its operation-frame while working together. Moreover, it has established links with entities foreign to the AAOT, like the Experimentation Center and Road Safety (CESVI, by its Spanish acronym). Moreover, working intensely with the Nation Health Ministry, the MMC has made it possible to have access to the Hospital Discharge Data (DEIS, by its Spanish acronym), what provides us with numberless enriching data.

The aim at the time of creating the MMC was to establish the prevalence of Orthopedics conditions in our country in the context of regional differentiation so as to pinpoint the morbid-mortality associated with the different Orthopedic conditions, acknowledge results in different types of treatment, as well as complications, and outline the social impact in relationship with such conditions. Upon data processing and epidemiologic analysis, the MMC publishes results by different means such as the yearly AAOT congress, dissertations in different courses given by the AAOT, and also the AAOT webpage.

Nevertheless, the MMC role is not limited to such functions; on the contrary, it has the aim of providing colleagues with response plans so as to decrease the morbid-mortality caused by the assessed conditions.

First and foremost it is necessary to collect the data, what we carry out by surveys which are available on the AAOT webpage. Such surveys have been crafted together with the AAOT and its different host association, involved in the diverse conditions. Surveys are completed and sent anonymously via e-mail.

Nowadays the conditions in evaluation by the MMC are Hip Fracture and the injuries associated with Car Crashes and, as of late, we have added the injuries of the anterior cruciate ligament and those of the Achilles tendon, and humeral fractures in children. With time, the MMC has the aim of adding those conditions more prevalent in the different sub-specializations so as to provide the AAOT membership with national real, updated data so as to improve Orthopedics performance.

Last but not least, we invite all our colleagues to get acquainted with the MMC on the AAOT webpage, to read and complete the aforementioned surveys so as to increase data collection, and to get as much information as possible so as to provide the membership with relevant data, which represents a necessary, useful tool for us all.

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