



## **Infection control for healthcare through an Andalusian programme unique to Europe**

**LOCATION:** Seville

**DURATION:** 1 '40''

**SUMMARY:** Professionals from the Andalusian public health service have developed an innovative programme, unique in Spain, that has managed to reduce the number of infections related to healthcare. Its name is PIRASOA, which has an online platform on which all the hospitals and districts in Andalusia provide information on antibiotic consumption and resistant bacteria, so that they can improve the use of medication and put an end to persistent infections in the hospital area.

### **VTR:**

Professionals from Seville's public health service have developed a ground breaking programme in Spain and Europe regarding infection control linked to health care.

**ROCÍO ÁLVAREZ**  
**ClinicalUnit**  
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*"Infections linked to healthcare are a serious security problem as they are infections that get the patient when they're in hospital for something else."*

A situation which everyone wants to put a stop to...

**JOSÉ ANTONIO LEPE**  
**Microbiologist**

*"With a good antibiotic control programme and good use of antibiotics, these microorganisms spread less and less."*

This is where the PIRASOA programme started. To target the root of the problem. PIRASOA is revolutionary because...

**JOSÉ MIGUEL CISNEROS**  
**ClinicalUnit**  
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*"It consists of infections linked to healthcare with the best use of antibiotics, which traditionally has been focused in a separate way."*

In this programme, doctors, microbiologists, preventatives and pharmacists all work side by side to stop the European statistic saying that Spain consumes more antibiotics than any other country on the list.

**M<sup>a</sup>VICTORIA GIL**  
**Hospital Pharmacist**

*"We've managed to decrease antibiotic consumption on a basic level to around six per hundred and in hospitals from five to seventeen per hundred."*

PIRASOA provides an online platform on which all of Andalusia's hospitals and districts provide information on antibiotic consumption and resistant bacteria.

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*"Do they give you the pharmacies' data? Or the microbiologist's data? No they don't give it to us, it's what we share, it's everyone's data."*



This programme also aims to teach doctors how to use antibiotics correctly, and patients to understand the importance of infection control. The Health Minister has a similar plan for the whole of Spain, but it has not been implemented yet. In Europe, everyone is looking to Andalusia, so they can learn from the PIRASOA experience.

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