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### Argentina

Instituto de Estudios sobre Estado

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Institute of Studies about State and Participation

### Chile

Grupo de Investigación y Capacitación

en Medicina Social - GICAMS

Investigation and Training Group in Social Medicine

### Ecuador

Centro de Estudios y Asesoría en Salud - CEAS

Health Research and Advisory Center (Ecuador)

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INCREASING  
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## Specific Aims

1. Implement an Internet mechanism of structured abstracts to access previously published seminal journal articles and books in Latin American social medicine, to be made available in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.
2. Develop and pilot an ongoing process for electronic publishing on the Web of at least two Latin American social medicine journals.
3. Develop and implement a repository for key journals and books for physical or electronic access by researchers.

## Overview

The Enhanced Access for Latin American Social Medicine (LASM) Project at the UNM School of Medicine harnesses technology and modern abstracting methods to summarize important books, book chapters, and articles from the Latin American medical literature. When completed, the LASM website will provide access to English-language summaries of important classic and contemporary works from this highly relevant field. The LASM website will post structured abstracts of each publication in three languages: English, Spanish, and Portuguese. The website will also pioneer web-based publishing for at least two social medicine journals based in Latin America.

## Project Summary

### Social medicine in Latin America

has become a widely respected and influential field of research, teaching, and clinical practice, yet its accomplishments remain little known in the English-speaking (and -reading) world. Important publications have not been translated from Spanish and Portuguese into English. The field's development also suffers from technical difficulties of publication and distribution within Latin America.

### This project's overall objective

is to develop and implement an Internet-based information system to maximize access to the Latin American social medicine literature and to facilitate continuing publication and distribution efforts in this important field. We have constructed this system to target investigators, educators, clinical practitioners, public health professionals, historians, social scientists, specialists in Latin American studies, and professionals in library and information science.

### As articles and books are obtained

from the Latin American publishers, a structured abstract will be created for each source. After extensive quality checks, the translated abstracts will be entered into a database at the Health Science Library and Informatics Center on the UNM Web page. Links to and from institutions outside UNM will be created.

### This project devotes attention

in particular to the following themes in Latin American social medicine, which are emphases of the National Institutes of Health: social, environmental, and nutritional causes of infant and perinatal mortality; economic development, demographic change, and aging; socio-economic barriers to cancer prevention; determinants of mental illness in race or ethnic background, social class, gender, and social violence; and policy research on managed care, primary care innovations, and preventive services.

### This information system

will reach a broad group of users by identifying core and seminal works in Latin American social medicine, by creating and translating structured abstracts in English, Spanish, and Portuguese, and by making them available through the application of Internet technologies. In addition, the Internet mechanism will implement an ongoing, on-line access system for publishing and distributing structured abstracts and articles of key journals in Latin American social medicine.

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