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TITLE: Similarities and contradictions of the perception of anemia among public health employees and the Wixarika community in Mexico

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ABSTRACT (upto 300 words)

Background: Anemia represents a public health problem in Mexico, where indigenous groups stand out as the main vulnerable group. In his research, the perceptions of the population and health personnel regarding anemia in mothers and children in the community Wixárika in Northern Jalisco, Mexico are analyzed.

Methods: A qualitative design, where in-depth interviews are conducted with key informants from the community and staff of the Ministry of Health applies.

Results: There are differences of perceptions among people with anemia, who conceptualize this disease with a Western view, from the relationship with health personnel, and community members who do not suffer, which it is perceived by the name of "Maxariate " or Deer disease linked to the absence of this animal sacred ritual . The health staff perceived anemia as a problem, since the Western view of health.

Conclusions: From the contradictions found between the community and health personnel, it follows that it is not applying the model proposed by the Intercultural Health Ministry of Health of México, a situation that contributes to not solve the problem.

BIOGRAPHY (upto 200 words)

René Crocker is a pediatrician doctor with a specialty in medical education with a maternal and child orientation; Master's in Public Health with orientation in Maternal and Child Nutrition and Dr. in Sciences of Applied Education, with orientation in intercultural education.

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