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<b>Content</b>	<p>"COVID-19 is only the current pandemic affecting our world but is not going to be the last. We already know that there will be a next pandemic and we are not sure how badly it will go. We need to strength our health systems capacity to deal with pandemics as we are just learning in a tough way with the COVID-19 events. As countries witnessed the evolution of the epidemic in China, several of them did not prepare their health services adequately. While the general argument is that no country healthcare services could be prepared for a pandemic may be acceptable, this won't be valid for the next pandemic. Additionally, in the countries affected by the pandemic, governments discover that preparing the health system is not enough and the need to articulate all other systems in order to ensure the health of the population has been evident. In fact, primary care practice provides an infrastructure for delivering health services, health education and disease surveillance as a part of early warning system for recognizing sudden increases in diseases. Specialized care for those infected is only the last layer of the response from the health system, and in order to build oportune response we need to integrate surveillance into primary health care models. In this workshop, using real life examples from the response to COVID-19, we Will discuss and analyze how a primary health care approach could improve those responses and also considering how to deal with inequalities that arise from the response to pandemics. Learning objectives: 1. Analyze the concepts of primary health care and public health, and how they should be integrated, as well as discuss the challenges, obstacles and barriers that primary care practice face during pandemics. 2. Evaluate the role of social determinants of health on heterogeneity on burden of epidemics. 3. Express how surveillance and monitoring of preparedness for epidemics could be strengthen using primary health care models.</p>