



## INTERDEM MEMBERS – BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE



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**HIGHEST ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION (e.g. PhD, MD etc.):** PhD

**YEAR OF PhD QUALIFICATION:** 2010

## PROFILE OF MEMBER:

I am an Associate Professor of Geriatrics at the São Paulo State University (UNESP) in Brazil currently on a sabbatical year as a visiting professor at the University Medical Center Groningen.

After graduating in medicine in Rio de Janeiro, I worked with underprivileged riverside communities in the Brazilian Amazon, developing healthcare assistance and education projects influenced by Paulo Freire's critical pedagogy. Returning to the Southwest region of Brazil, I pursued a master's and a doctorate in Public Health/Epidemiology, investigating aspects of hip fracture epidemiology in the elderly using secondary databases from Brazil and Canada. Through this research, attention was drawn to a neglected aspect of healthcare for older people with this type of fracture: the delays not only between hospitalization and surgery but also between the fracture and hospitalization.

In 2012, when I became an Assistant Professor of Geriatrics, recognizing the significant gap related to palliative care for older people in the country and the distortions caused by the predominance of the paternalistic model of end-of-life decision-making, I secured research funding to culturally adapt the Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) form for Brazil, aiming to be a starting point for the necessary shift toward a shared decision-making model in the country. Indeed, the discussions and collaborations developed through that project led to the publication of a Position Statement on Shared Decision Making in Palliative Care by the Brazilian Geriatrics and Gerontology Society and the Brazilian Academy of Palliative Care, where I was the lead author.

Subsequently, I obtained funding for a study on the meaning of a good death for people living with dementia in Brazil and the United Kingdom through cross-cultural qualitative research in collaboration with Karen Harrison Denning from Dementia UK, Rasa Mikelyte from Kent University, Natashe Lemos-Dekker from Leiden University, and Déborah Oliveira from Federal University of São Paulo. The results of this research were recently presented at an AAIC Research Session in Amsterdam and Alzheimer Europe Conference in Helsinki. This research deserves recognition for giving a voice to people living with dementia regarding a central aspect of their end-of-life care. Additionally, we developed an innovative approach to conducting cross-cultural qualitative research, allowing us to generate valuable insights into end-of-life care for people with dementia that would not have been possible through independent research in each country. Importantly, cross-cultural comparisons enriched our data analysis by providing fresh perspectives in numerous ways.

**AREAS OF EXPERTISE:** Geriatrics, Palliative Care, Advance Care Planning, Shared Decision Making

## KEY PUBLICATIONS (Max. 5):

- **Vidal EIO**, Villas Boas PJF, Valle AP, Cerqueira ATAR, Fukushima FB. Delirium in older adults. *BMJ*. 2013;346:f2031
- Lovadini GB, Fukushima FB, Schoueri JFL, ..., **Vidal EIO**. Evaluation of the Interrater Reliability of End-of-Life Medical Orders in the Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment Form. *JAMA Netw Open*. 2019;2(4):e192036. doi:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2019.2036
- Nishimura M, Denning KH, Sampson EL, **Vidal EIO**, et al. Cross-cultural conceptualization of a good end of life with dementia: a qualitative study. *BMC Palliat Care*. 2022;21(1):106. doi:10.1186/s12904-022-00982-9
- **Vidal El de O**, Kovacs MJ, Silva JJ da, et al. Position statement of ANCP and SBGG on shared decision-making in palliative care. *Cad Saude Publica*. 2022;38(9):e00130022. doi:10.1590/0102-311XPT130022
- **Vidal EIO**, Dadalto L, Iglesias SBO. [Nutrition and hydration for people in the advanced stage of dementia] *Nutrição e hidratação em pacientes portadores de demência em fase avançada: Comitê de Bioética da Academia Brasileira de Cuidados Paliativos* [Internet]. São Paulo: ANCP; 20 p. Available at: <https://api-wordpress.paliativo.org.br/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/POSICIONAMENTO-Nutricao-e-hidratacao-em-pacientes-portadores-de-demencia-em-fase-avancadafinal.pdf>

## RELEVANT RESEARCH ACTIVITY:

Please indicate for past 5 years only (i) Grants Awarded: Names of investigators; Years; Title of Project; name of awarding agency (ii) PhD and other projects: Title, start or completed date.

2023/00823-9 São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)

Duration: 07.2023 to 07.2024

A Realist Evaluation of Advance Care Planning Educational Programs in Dutch Medical Schools

Role: PI

312499/2022-1 National Council for Technological and Scientific Development (CNPq)

Duration: 02.2023 to 02.2025

Perspectives of older adults with neurodegenerative diseases regarding the meaning of a good death

Role: PI

2022/02254-9 São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)

Duration: 07.2022 - 02.2024

Descriptive Study on the State of Advance Care Planning and Advance Directives in Latin America

Role: PI

2021/09729-0 São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)

Duration: 10.2021 – 09.2023

In search of a good death: how would a good death be like in Parkinson's disease? Qualitative study about perspectives of people diagnosed with Parkinson's disease.

Role: PI

2019/18129-6 São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)

Duration: 08.2020 – 07.2022

In search of a good death: What does a good death in dementia look like? A qualitative study comparing views of people with dementia in Brazil & UK

Role: PI from the Brazilian arm of the study

#### **CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS/ONGOING PROJECT TITLE:**

**Current research interests:** Palliative dementia care, cross-cultural qualitative research, advance care planning, shared decision making, education

#### **Ongoing projects titles:**

- 1) A Realist Evaluation of Advance Care Planning Educational Programs in Dutch Medical Schools
- 2) Perspectives of older adults with neurodegenerative diseases regarding the meaning of a good death
- 3) Descriptive Study on the State of Advance Care Planning and Advance Directives in Latin America

#### **HOW DO YOU INTEND TO CONTRIBUTE TO INTERDEM:**

I intend to contribute to INTERDEM by participating in the Palliative and End of Life Care in Dementia Task Force and by bringing a broad and inclusive perspective acquired through working with people living with dementia in diverse cultural settings.