P-254 - APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL BIOETHICAL CONTROVERSIES OF NEONATAL SCREENING: THE COLOMBIAN EXAMPLE

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**INTRODUCTION:** There is an agreement in neonatal screening about aspects such as equity of access, confidentiality of results and privacy of samples. However, there are controversies in other topics related to bioethical aspects. **OBJECTIVE:** To understand, how international bioethical controversies of neonatal screening are addressed in the Colombian context. **METHODOLOGY:** It was applied a survey to officials of the Colombian National Institute of Health involved in surveillance or coordination of research or public health programs, through a form of 13 questions built with international bioethics controversies of neonatal screening. **RESULTS:** The survey was filled out by 85 of the 127 officials. Regarding to test of proved benefit for the newborn, there is a high percentage of agreement among officials in the obligation of their offer by the State. There is also a high percentage of agreement in trusting on parents and health record to keep the information with confidentiality. In contrast, there is less agreement about the need of detailed information for each screened anomaly and in the need of consent to authorize the screening. However, there is a higher percentage of agreement in the utility of the informed consent for the research use of the screening results and the residual samples. **CONCLUSIONS:** There are international controversies that are solved without discussion but others that persist without agreement in the Colombian context. Cultural and legal aspects help to solve some of them but there is a necessity of a bioethical analysis to solve others, thus making relevant their discussion in both developed and developing countries.