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Tool to Measure and Evaluate the Policy Landscape

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Wise Scorecard is a tool that supports policy decision-making. It helps to systematically measure the current state of policies and actions against the ideal state of such policies. This type of analysis is very valuable to encourage governments and decision-makers to approve and enact policies, identify where to invest, and define the kind of activities to execute.







Celebrates and recognizes advances



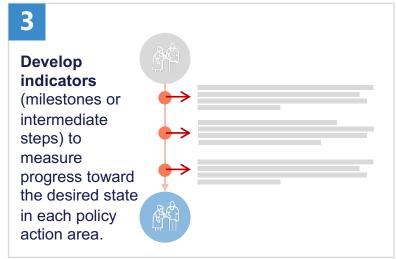


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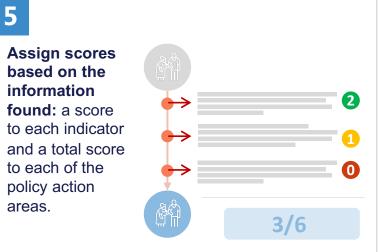


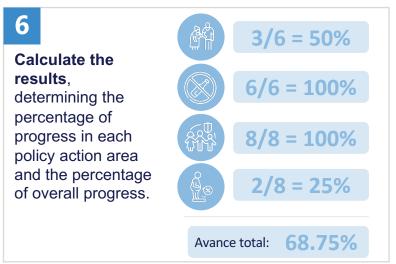
















Use of Policy Scorecards with External Audiences





Celebrate and recognize progress towards achieving an ideal policy environment with different stakeholders. especially government officials.



Provide valuable information to know where to place the focus of any given conversation and effectively communicate the path forward to decision makers.





Policy decision makers



Policy influencers



Policy advocates







Key Considerations



 The policy scorecards[©] are an evidence-based approach based on publicly available information, that can foster more objective internal discussions about policy-shaping efforts and strategies.

• The policy scorecards[©] are a live tool to capture policy change. **They change over time.**

The policy situation offers a macro perspective of the country. Still, it is not an assessment or reflection of the work carried out by the affiliates, nor the level of implementation.





Desired Policy State



Patients with multiple myeloma (MM) benefit from sustainable and timely access to diagnosis and best possible treatment.

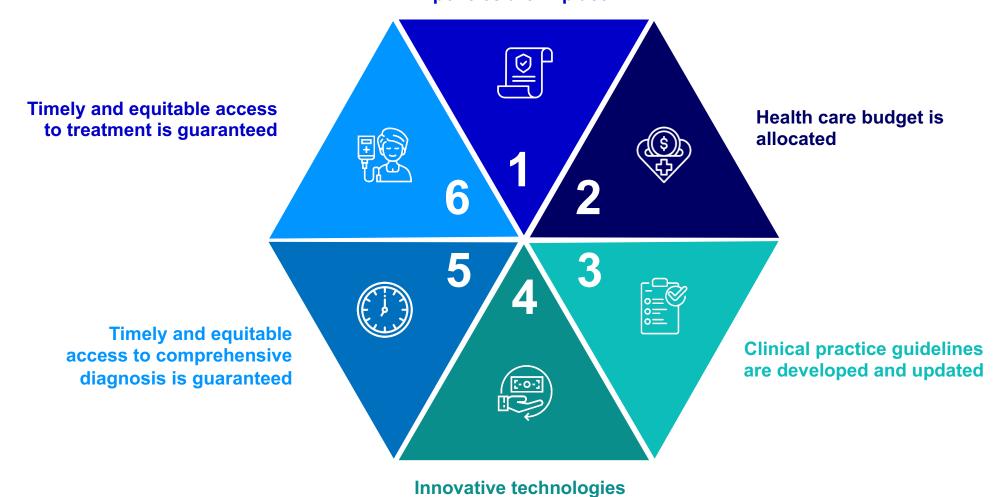




Policy Actions Areas



National programs/plans/ policies are in place







are promptly reimbursed



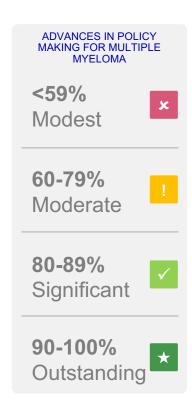
Level of Progress in the Multiple Myeloma Policy Framework

LATAM MAIN FINDINGS

Level of Progress in the Region by Policy Action Area



ACTION AREA IN PUBLIC POLICY	LEVEL OF PROGRESS
4. Innovative technologies are promptly reimbursed	65%
2. Healthcare budget is allocated	63%
6. Timely and equitable access to treatment is guaranteed	57%
1. National programs/ plans/policies are in place	50%
3. Clinical practice guidelines are developed and updated	40%
5. Timely and equitable access to comprehensive diagnosis is guaranteed	30%







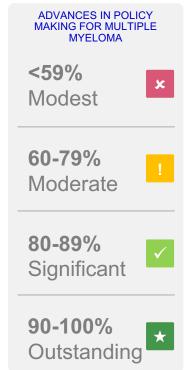


Innovative technologies are promptly reimbursed





- Important advances can be observed in terms of the coverage of treatments for cancer. However, this doesn't necessarily include innovative treatments.
- In both countries, health technology assessment for cancer treatments includes a multi-criteria approach.
- Treatment coverage and reimbursement is limited in both countries, due to the health system fragmentation in Argentina and the outdated APAC values in Brazil.





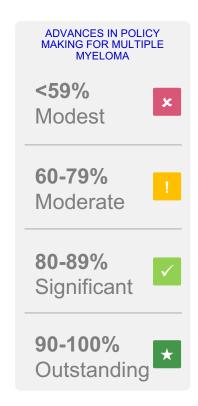








- In both countries, funding for some MM medicines is available but varies depending on whether a patient is treated in the public system or covered by private insurance.
- Though there are some efforts to guarantee sustainable funding for cancer treatment, innovative medicines and treatments included in the clinical practice guidelines are not necessarily earmarked.







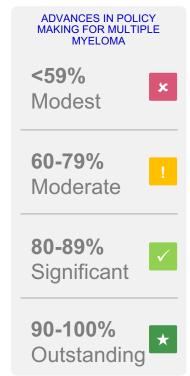


Timely and equitable access to treatment is guaranteed





- In both countries, there are efforts and mechanisms to improve the healthcare workforce, infrastructure, and resources for properly managing cancer patients. However, no specific efforts for multiple myeloma were identified.
- Brazil has a legislative framework to guarantee timely initiation and continuity of treatment.







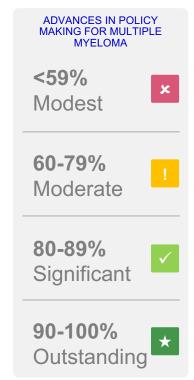


National programs/ plans/policies are in place





- In both countries, there is lack of prioritization of MM in the national cancer programs, and no information on MM was found in the national cancer registries.
- Argentina and Brazil have established evaluation mechanisms to monitor the implementation of relevant policies within their national cancer plans.







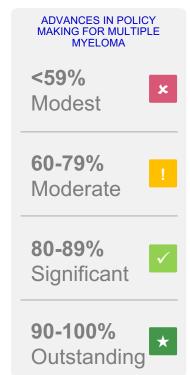


Clinical practice guidelines are developed and updated





- Brazil and Argentina have working groups or commissions to evaluate the submission and/or approval of new technologies, but they don't update clinical practice guidelines and their recommendations are not binding. The Argentine Society of Hematology (SAH) has set up the Argentine Group on Multiple Myeloma, which published brief recommendations in the journal *Revista Hematología*.
- The Argentinean Hematology Society (SAH) has its diagnosis and treatment guidelines for MM, but they are not binding for the decision-making process. In Brazil, the current DDT for MM is outdated (2015).
- · Clinical guidelines are not mandatory for the delivery of care in either of the countries.







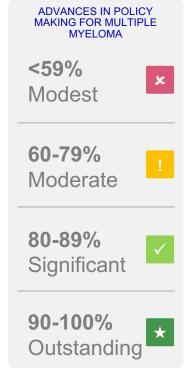


Timely and equitable access to comprehensive diagnosis is guaranteed





- · No evidence of any awareness programs for MM led by the MoH was found in Argentina or Brazil.
- There are efforts regarding molecular tests and specialist training in Argentina, however, none is specific to MM.
- No evidence of process indicators to evaluate the effectiveness of diagnostic services provided for MM was found in either of the countries.









LATAM Analysis

Total score per country*



ADVANCES IN POLICY MAKING FOR MULTIPLE MYELOMA

<59% Modest

60-79% Moderate

80-89% Significant

90-100% Outstanding

Country	Score
Brazil	52%
Argentina	46%







Score by Policy Action Area

National program/plan/policies in place	Score
Argentina	67%
S Brazil	33%

2. Health care budget allocated	Score
S Brazil	75%
Argentina	50%

3. Clinical practice guidelines are developed and updated	Score
S Brazil	50%
Argentina	20%







<59% Modest

ADVANCES IN POLICY MAKING FOR MULTIPLE MYELOMA 60-79% Moderate



80-89% Significant



90-100% Outstanding







Score by Policy Action Area

4. Innovative technologies and medicines are promptly reimbursed	Score
Argentina	80%
S Brazil	50%

5. Timely and equitable access to comprehensive diagnosis is guaranteed	Score
S Brazil	40%
Argentina	20%

6. Timely and equitable access to treatment is guaranteed	Score
S Brazil	63%
Argentina	50%







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Country Scorecards and Key Findings LATAM Countries

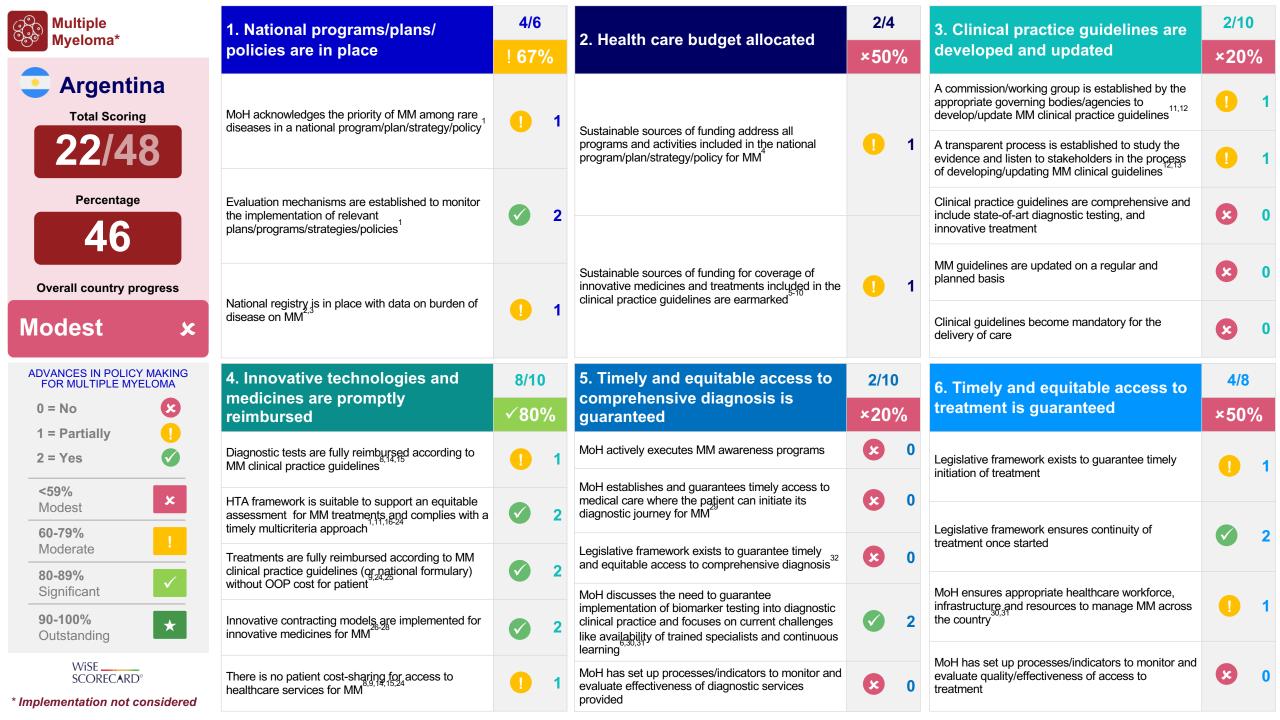


Argentina











Key Findings



- The **National Cancer Control Plan 2018-2022 (NCCP)** does not focus on MM, and no evidence was found suggesting that the MoH acknowledges the need to establish a **national plan or program on MM**. However, the NCCP includes a working line titled **Oncohematology** with an associated table of indicators.
- The Institutional Tumor Registry of Argentina (RITA), which captures information on access, diagnosis, therapy, and clinical stage, reports data on MM under *Plasma cell tumors*, as part of the *Other hematological tumors*' section. However, no information was found to confirm whether data on MM are collected in a disaggregated manner. In addition, not all medical oncologists report data to RITA. As a result, this does not provide an accurate picture of the country complex reality.
- The health system is highly fragmented with **no national benefit package for the entire population**. To be fully reimbursed in the public, social security and private sector, medicines need to be listed in one among: the Mandatory Medical Program (PMO), national oncological protocols, clinical practice guidelines, or the reimbursement system for high-cost medicines. The PMO is a basic basket of mandatory benefits that every health maintenance organization (HMO) must cover in its plans. There is evidence that currently **some medications for MM are provided free-of-charge**.
- MoH's GPGs, though developed through an evidence-based and participatory process, are often not comprehensive and their implementation is not mandatory. Yet no MoH's CPGs for MM were found. The Argentinean Hematology Society (SAH) has their diagnosis and treatment guidelines for MM published in 2020. An update was released in 2022 to acknowledge the use of combination therapies for treatment of relapsing or refractory MM. SAH's guidelines are usually updated at least every 2 years, but they are not binding.
- While the **National Commission of Health Technology Assessment (CONETEC)** carries out evaluations and issues recommendations, its **opinions are not binding**.
- Diagnosis coverage has some payment restrictions even in the private sector. It depends on each HMO.
- Unlike LATAM, Argentina does not use out of pocket, except in exceptional cases.
- Some pharmacies use early access programs (EAPs) to familiarize the oncologists with the medication and then the system must absorb the cost of continuity.
- No evidence emerged of MoH's involvement in **MM awareness-raising campaigns**.
- No legislative framework emerged to guarantee **equitable and timely access to diagnosis, initiation of treatment, or continuity of treatment**. Sometimes patients need to appeal to gain access to treatment.



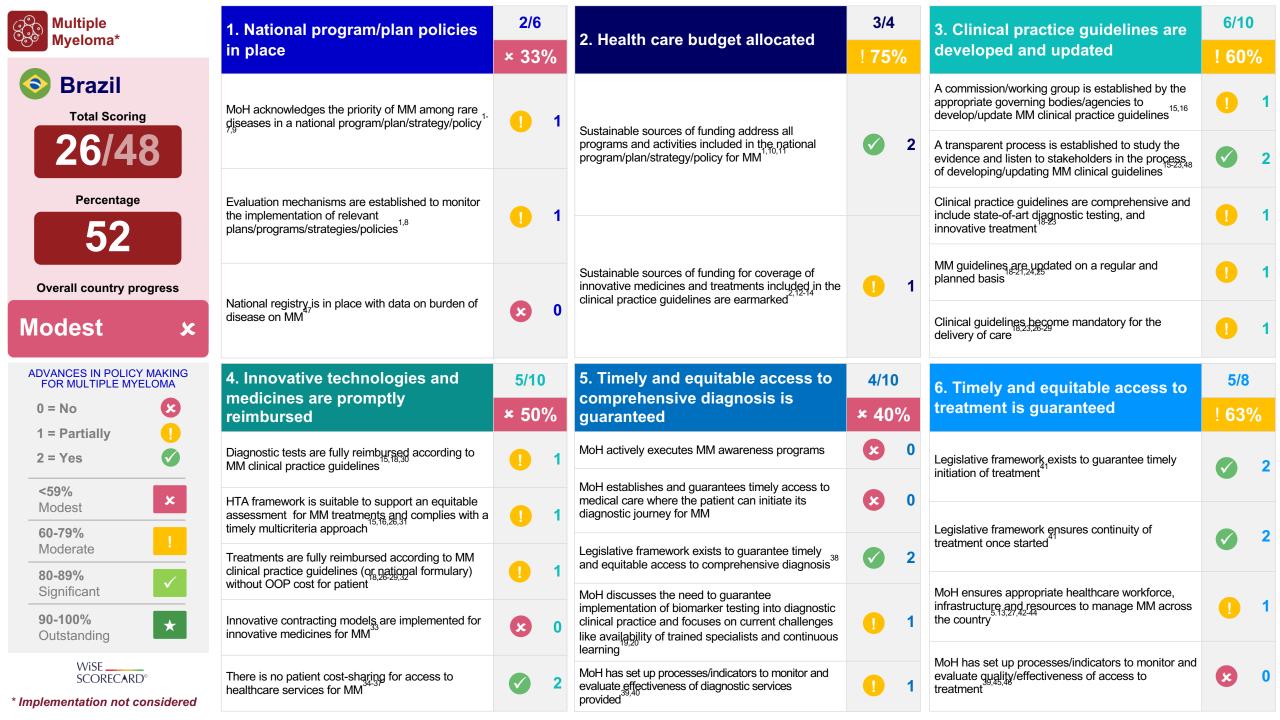














Key Findings



- MM is not prioritized in any of the national strategic health policies, and no evidence was found of any ongoing efforts to establish a specific program or policy or to increase national discussions regarding MM. No information on MM was found in the national cancer registry from the National Cancer Institute (INCA).
- In the public sector, diagnosis, medicines, and treatment for all types of cancer, including MM, are provided free of charge in accredited hospitals. Cancer-specific cap values per cycle of treatment (known as APAC Authorization of High Complexity Procedure), set by the MoH, guide hospitals' reimbursement for the services provided. Some evidence suggests that APAC values are not updated and may not be sufficient to cover many of the innovative medicines already approved for use in the national health system (Sistema Único de Saúde, SUS), and some criticisms of the lack of an effective monitoring process on how APAC is spent within the hospitals also exist. No specific information on whether APAC value for MM is considered updated/sufficient was found.
- Both public and private sectors follow well-established, multi-criteria, and participatory processes for HTA and guidelines development, but there seems to be lack of transparency regarding the influence of each criterion on the final decisions.
- The MoH's DDT for MM was last revised in 2015, but a new one was already validated and is waiting for official publication. Guidelines don't apply to the public system.
- In Brazil, the patient has the legal right to the best-in-class treatment. However, it takes a legal injunction process.
- Law No. 13,896 (2019) and Law No. 12,732 (2012) provide for a maximum period of 30 days for access to diagnosis after a positive screening result and a maximum period of 60 days for treatment initiation after diagnosis confirmation. However, evidence suggests that these laws' effective monitoring and evaluation processes are lacking.







Final considerations

The Importance of Celebrating Progress



- All countries have implemented at least some provisions aimed at ensuring continuity of care for patients.
- All countries have taken some steps to improve the capacity, infrastructure, or equipment of health systems, although these efforts are not always directed exclusively at multiple myeloma.







We All Have a Role to Play



- It is important to build and promote spaces for constructive debate on possible areas for improvement.
- There has been progress, but there are areas that require improvement and therefore represent an opportunity.

Evaluating the progress of public policies is key to achieving their implementation and obtaining the expected results.



Success redefines the problem







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