

María Teresa Lira Correa - Bio

María is a registered nurse, midwife, and cardiovascular specialist from Universidad Católica de Chile with postgraduate training in cardiac rehab, research and statistics. Currently serving as the Executive Secretary of Clinical Research at HCFA Hospital in Santiago, Chile, María has worked for more than 20 years in cardiovascular risk reduction and community prevention. María is well-known for emphasizing the role of nurses in cardiovascular prevention and risk reduction, administrating community-based programs, and coordinating national awareness campaigns.

A tireless volunteer, María liaises with the Preventative Cardiovascular Nurses Association's (PCNA) international nurses community, the Global Cardiovascular Nursing Leadership Forum. Through this, she represents the interests of nursing leaders throughout Latin-America and Spain. She also translates patient education materials into Spanish.

María also serves in the Chilean CV Nursing Society (CCVNS) as the President of the Scientific Committee and Chief Developer/Editor of the first formal CCVNS website focused on continuing education.

María additionally lends her expertise to the World Heart Federation, International Council of Nurses, European Society of Cardiology, and Association of Cardiovascular Nursing & Allied Professions. Indeed, María is a selfless and effective community servant, clinician, and scholar worthy of respect, renown, and admiration.