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Life beyond control: Youth, diabetes and care in neoliberal Chile

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This dissertation explores how young Chileans with type 1-diabetes strive to construct good lives, both inside and outside hospitals, and how they negotiate the limits of the neoliberal approach to diabetes control. Within the 'right to health' framework, I ethnographically trace the complex interactions between youth, family, class, medicine and the state. I propose that for my informants, the cultivation of a good life escapes the limits of diabetes control as they aim to live joyful, relational, and productive lives *with* diabetes.

Marcela completed her MPH in 2011 at the University of Melbourne and she is currently undertaking the final year of her PhD in Medical Anthropology at the Health Humanities and Social Sciences Unit. She has a background in nursing, and has worked with young people in mental health services and in community-based healthcare settings.

