

I present the entire academic community with the newest vehicle for national and international dissemination of scientific production, the Revista Brasileira de Ciências Médicas e da Saúde (Rev Bras Cien Med Saúde) - Brazilian Journal of Medical Science and Health (Braz J Med Health Sci). It is a scientific publication prepared by the Medical Sciences and Health School of Juiz de Fora - Suprema (FCMS / JF) and the Maternity Hospital Therezinha de Jesus (HMTJ), both located in the city of Juiz de Fora - MG. Its mission is to disseminate scientific information, mostly original, which contribute to the consolidation and advancement of basic and applied scientific knowledge in the field of Medical Sciences and Health. Rev Bras Cien Med Saúde is a multidisciplinary journal covering all areas and subareas of knowledge related to Health

This journal is the work of several researchers, teachers and health professionals who envisioned building a journal that would be permeated by scientific rigor and ethical research, as well as methodological quality in its publications.

The global health scene presents a new order, and research is the driving wheel of this transformation, imposing increasingly provocative and challenging horizons to the entire scientific community. Within this perspective, the Brazilian scientific production has grown dramatically in recent years. Brazil has overtaken Russia, a former power in the area, and advances to also overcome India and consolidate itself as the 2nd largest among the BRICs (Brazil, Russia, India and China), after China, according to survey by Thomson Reuters. The same survey show that in 2008, the Brazilian scientific production was responsible for 2.6% of a total of 1,136,676 articles published in all 10,500 journals analyzed. To understand the growth we can highlight that in 1990, Brazil had only 0.6% of

the world production. Additionally, Brazil currently occupies the 13th position in the ranking of world scientific production. One of the areas that contributes most to this production is the health, which undoubtedly operates in the building of this new reality that imposes itself as a challenge to Brazilian researchers.

It is in this scenario that the Rev Bras Cien Med Saúde is launched, presenting itself as an outlet for that robust production of knowledge. An important aspect to highlight is its multidisciplinary approach, including studies derived from different areas of health. Its core objective, however, is to publish studies that may somehow contribute to the advancement of science and, if possible, transform the state of the art of the matter investigated, thus ensuring a better quality of life and health for the population that will benefit from this knowledge. The incorporation of these aspects on the scientific agenda allows the aggregation of perspectives that foster innovation and technological advancement, namely, the perspectives of teaching, research and care.

We hope that Rev Bras Cien Med Saúde can fulfill its mission and interpenetrate in the aspirations of scientific and academic community, acting prominently in the construction of new directions in the health sciences.

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