



EDITORIAL

Ten years of the Health Science Journal

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In 2020 the Health Science Journal (RCS) will complete its first decade. When looking back and analyzing all the legacy left, we can see its significant evolution in quality in this period.

Initially, it is necessary to register our sincere thanks to the Founding Editor Prof. Dr. Rodolfo S. Cardoso, creator of this project and the RCS Editors-Emeritus, Prof. Dr. Kleber Lincoln Gomes, Prof. Dr. Maria Christina Anna Grieger (*in memorian*) and Prof. Dr. Marco Túlio Barcellos de Assis Figueiredo (*in memorian*). Without the incisive action of these people, this project would never have been possible.

The main objective of this edition's editorial is to situate the current role of RCS in the scientific-academic environment today. RCS was created in April 2011 by the Faculty of Medicine of Itajubá - MG, with the contribution of professors and directors at the time, whose dreams consolidated the launch of the journal. In all these years it was a vehicle that interconnected the local and national scientific community in various scenarios, in order to disseminate quality knowledge in the most diverse areas of Health Sciences.

Initially, it was formed by a local editorial board and aimed to disseminate the results of institutional researches, focusing mainly on course completion works and little science projects. Over the years, it managed to gain contributions from notable authors in his editions, receiving more and more submissions.

The journal is fully open access (Creative Commons License BY-NC-SA 4.0) and has been indexed on the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) and

Latindex platforms since 2016. Also, its current classification in the QUALIS / CAPES system (triennium 2013 -2016) covers 13 areas of knowledge, including Medicine (I, II and III), Nursing, Psychology, Physical Education, Teaching, and Public Health.

In the years 2017 to 2018, the journal started to receive a constant flow of articles from all regions of the country and some from abroad. The Editorial Board was readjusted, receiving contributions from health professionals from several renowned institutions, including outside the country. It remained with quarterly publications, endogenous control, diversification of the body of reviewers, and investment in its dissemination throughout the national territory.

RCS is going to claim indexing in the database of Latin American and Caribbean Literature in Health Sciences (Lilacs) and Redalyc, trying to maintain the editorial and scientific quality requirements required by them.

As RCS consolidates itself as a quality journal, we renew our commitment to highlight the best research and opinions that improve understanding of health areas, establishing evidence for treatments and diagnoses, elucidating current ethical, socioeconomic, and political issues that affect provision health care.

The celebration of this 10th anniversary would not be complete without extending gratitude to authors, editors, employees, reviewers, and readers for their continuous contributions, comments, and support, to help ensure that RCS reaches an ever-higher level of quality and excellence.

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