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EDITORIAL

Residência Pediátrica: Knowledge Without Barriers in the Era of Continuous Publication

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Dear Readers, Authors, and Collaborators,

It is with great enthusiasm that we present another volume of Residência Pediátrica (RP), a journal that has consolidated itself, with each issue, as an essential pillar in the training journey of Brazilian pediatricians. As Editors-in-Chief, we have the privilege of witnessing the journal's steady growth, driven by the quality of the articles submitted and the tireless dedication of our team of reviewers.

At the end of this editorial, we invite readers to reflect on the position RP occupies within the landscape of Brazilian pediatric publications, a position that is, above all, strategic.

Over the years, we have embraced a steadfast commitment to Open Access and the Continuous Publication model, adopting the most modern practices in scientific dissemination. This choice is not merely editorial; it is a declaration of our mission: to ensure that relevant and up-to-date knowledge reaches you, residents and young pediatricians, immediately and without financial or geographic barriers.

RP stands apart from other major Brazilian journals in the field, not by competing in global scope, but by focusing on the core of our specialty: the resident. Our target audience requires practical, concise, and immediately applicable information that supports daily decision-making in wards and outpatient clinics.

A detailed analysis of the journal's performance reaffirms its identity. RP is more than a journal; it is a working tool, a stimulus for research, and a meeting point for the new generation of pediatricians.

Published by the Sociedade Brasileira de Pediatria, RP occupies a distinct and well-defined position among Brazilian pediatric journals, particularly due to its focus, publication format, and access policy.

Characteristics and Position of the Journal

An analysis of RP's position in relation to other Brazilian journals in the field can be outlined through its main attributes:

1. Specialized Focus and Target Audience

The main distinguishing feature of RP is its focus, being one of the few (and perhaps the only) Brazilian pediatric journals specifically aimed at medical residents in the specialty and related areas. This gives it a strategic position in:

- Academic Training: Directly contributing to the education of new pediatricians by offering articles and sections oriented toward the practical application and core knowledge required in residency training.

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- Encouraging Scientific Production: Actively promoting the participation of residents in scientific research.

2. Modern Format: Continuous Publication and Open Access

RP adopts modern publishing practices that enhance its accessibility and relevance:

- Continuous Publication: Articles are published individually as soon as they are approved and edited, without waiting for the completion of an issue. This model accelerates the dissemination of scientific knowledge, a positive feature for the medical community.
- Open Access: All content is freely available without reading fees or access barriers. This ensures maximum dissemination of knowledge to residents, pediatricians, and medical students, aligning RP with global trends in Open Science.

3. Quality and Indexing

In terms of quality assessment and scientific impact in Brazil, RP has the following characteristics:

- Indexing: The journal is indexed in major national and international databases (such as DOAJ, Google Scholar, CAPES/MEC Journals Portal, Latindex, among others), which attests to its credibility and contributes to its visibility.
- Qualis Journals Classification: It is important to note that the Qualis classification system has undergone a conceptual transformation. According to Sigmar Rode, President of the Brazilian Association of Scientific Editors, reference publications in Brazil may become increasingly attractive to researchers due to their policy of not charging publication fees, similar to reputable international journals. RP, therefore, stands out as a valuable and essential vehicle for the dissemination of Brazilian science.

In summary, RP stands out as a fundamental, modern, and open-access publication, fully dedicated to the continuing education and scientific production of the new generation of Brazilian pediatricians. The undeniable proof of this success lies in the more than 14 million accesses to our journal.

Continue with us on this path of excellence!

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