

Participating in our Journal

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Dear readers,

In previous Editorials of this Journal, the words of Dr. Bersusky [2012;77(4):222], “Open access enables our scientific production to transcend our borders and reach unforeseen,” and my own [2013;78(2):52], “The Editorial Board must ensure an open communication between the author/sender of knowledge and the reader/recipient of knowledge. With the Institution’s support, each Committee provides tools so our members may produce appropriate protocols that enable a higher level of evidence,” reflected how we were embarking on the path of Visibility of the scientific knowledge produced in our Association. We are currently updating our online OJS so that our editorial flow may become more modern and seamless. You will be provided tutorials to familiarize yourself with the system.

Authors’ involvement is essential to publish quality papers. Therefore, our Association provides different tools through the Education, the Morbidity & Mortality, and the Research Committees. The improvement in our papers’ quality is evident from the fact that several authors have received invitations to participate in international events and to publish in international journals.

However, the production process is complemented by the revision process, which is not a small task undertaken by the Editorial Committee. The author’s **availability** is vital when revising a paper. A wrong preposition or a misplaced comma may change the meaning as much as a low-quality image may diminish the paper’s quality. And such decisions are **the exclusive responsibility of the AUTHOR**—that is, of an author committed to his work and to the journal in question. Nowadays, guest authorship is no longer considered a good practice. Every author must actually participate in the drafting of the paper, shaping its objective and its design, defining and searching for variables, collecting data, and writing. We should remember that publishing employs written words as its primary instrument in the mental process by which knowledge is acquired.

Another essential requirement for our Journal to enter international databases is regularity, which means that the Journal should be published on specific dates that must be observed. Therefore, it is vital for authors to answer as soon as possible, since any delay represents a risk for the whole Association to move back in our path to achieving the largest possible distribution for our Journal.

That is why participation in each and every step of our Journal, as authors, revisers and members of the Editorial Committee, plays a key role.

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