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Abstract

The Brazilian Journal of Family Practice (*Revista Brasileira de Medicina de Família e Comunidade* – RBMFC) extends its gratitude to the editors-in-chief, Patrícia Sampaio Chueiri, Leonardo Ferreira Fontenelle, and Thiago Dias Sarti, who are concluding a leadership cycle that began in 2015. During this period, they were instrumental in the institutional and editorial strengthening of RBMFC, with particular emphasis on advances in editorial practices, scientific ethics, and the journal's visibility. The continued service of members of the editorial team is also celebrated, and new editors and reviewers are welcomed, reaffirming the commitment to academic excellence and the internationalization of the journal.

Keywords: Family Practice; Journals as a Subject; Scientific Publications; Internationalization; Evaluation of Scientific Output.

Resumo

A Revista Brasileira de Medicina de Família e Comunidade (RBMFC) agradece aos editores-chefes Patrícia Sampaio Chueiri, Leonardo Ferreira Fontenelle e Thiago Dias Sarti, que encerram um ciclo de liderança iniciado em 2015. Durante esse período, desempenharam papel fundamental no fortalecimento institucional e editorial da RBMFC, com destaque para os avanços nas práticas editoriais, na ética científica e na visibilidade da revista. Também são celebradas a permanência de membros da equipe editorial e a chegada de novos editores e revisores, reafirmando-se o compromisso com a qualificação acadêmica e a internacionalização da publicação.

Palavras-chave: Medicina de Família e Comunidade; Periódicos como Assunto; Publicações Científicas; Internacionalização; Avaliação da Produção Científica.

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The *Brazilian Journal of Family Practice (Revista Brasileira de Medicina de Família e Comunidade – RBMFC)* expresses its deep gratitude to the editors-in-chief, **Patrícia Sampaio Chueiri, Thiago Dias Sarti, and Leonardo Ferreira Fontenelle**, whose dedication over the years has been fundamental to establishing the RBMFC as a national and international reference in Family Practice (FP).

Under their leadership, the journal achieved significant milestones, including the implementation of new editorial practices and author guidelines beginning in 2019, strengthening its commitment to scientific quality and editorial ethics. Additionally, there has been a substantial increase in the number of views, reflecting the growing interest in and relevance of RBMFC within the academic community.

Between 2015 and 2024, RBMFC published approximately **894 articles**, demonstrating the journal's growth and consolidation as an essential vehicle for the dissemination of knowledge in the field of FP.

We also thank the associate editors who remain with us, and those who have joined us in response to the Call for Applications issued by the *Brazilian Society of Family Practice (Sociedade Brasileira de Medicina de Família e Comunidade – SBMFC)*: **Francisco Eduardo da Fonseca Delgado, Monique Bourget, Carlos Campos, Thiago Figueiredo de Castro, Adelson Guaraci Jantsch, Melanie Noël Maia, Rodolfo Rêgo Deusdará Rodrigues, Bruno Pereira Stelet, and Alice Uchoa**. Their expertise will undoubtedly ensure the maintenance of the editorial excellence that characterizes RBMFC. We are also grateful to the reviewers who remain on the RBMFC editorial board and to those who will join us following the recently published Call for Applications.

The new members of the editorial team are enthusiastically welcomed, with confidence that their contributions will be invaluable to the continued improvement of RBMFC. Together, the commitment to disseminating high-quality scientific knowledge is reaffirmed, as this is essential for strengthening Primary Health Care (PHC) and FP in Brazil, Latin America, and worldwide.

There is also a commitment to pursuing the highest possible standards in scientific output evaluation systems, with particular attention to the new CAPES evaluation process to be applied in the 2025–2028 cycle, which will use article-based classification rather than classification based on the journal in which the article was published. It is believed that the impact and relevance of the RBMFC deserve formal recognition commensurate with its scientific contribution.

In this new cycle, efforts are also being strengthened toward **nationalization and internationalization**, promoting the global visibility of scientific output in Brazilian PHC/FP through expanded indexing, collaboration with international networks and journals, and encouragement of publications by authors from other countries — especially Brazilian authors working within the Unified Health System who seek to increase the visibility of their work within the scientific community.