

## EDITORIAL

## Reflecting on our journey and envisioning the future

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Dear readers,

As you may have noticed, during the last year the journal has been undergoing a transformation from JBMEDE to LAJEC. The current issue will be our last Portuguese-language issue. Going forward, the journal will publish articles in three languages: Portuguese, Spanish, and English. And the journal's focus will expand from Brazil to all of Latin America, with the goal of advancing academic work in emergency medicine and emergency care in the region.

Before we embark on our next exciting phase, it is important to commemorate the journal's history so far. JBMEDE emerged from ABRAMEDE amidst a young and rapidly expanding specialty in the country. ABRAMEDE had been founded in 2008, and emergency medicine was recognized as a specialty in 2016 in Brazil. Starting with the journal's first issue in April of 2021, the journal had four years of uninterrupted quarterly

publications, always including original articles. Our special edition for the Brazilian Congress of Emergency Medicine in Adults and Children in 2022 (CBMEDE 2022) included more than 200 research abstracts, highlighting the growing interest in research in emergency medicine in Brazil. And in collaboration with Cochrane Pre-Hospital and Emergency Care, the journal has been able to share Pearls from the Cochrane Library for Emergency Physicians in Portuguese, making them more accessible to our readers.

Thank you for your support through the years. We invite you to continue supporting LAJEC through your readership and submissions and to become a reviewer or volunteer. Together we can continue advancing academic emergency care in Brazil and Latin America into the future.

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