

The Importance of Returning

Since its creation, in 1934, the Argentine Journal of Cardiology (RAC) is the formal body of the Argentine Society of Cardiology for the publication of original articles reviewed by experts, involving a variety of cardiology topics.

It was included in the Index Medicus, as a result of which outstanding basic and clinical researchers such as Nobel Prizes Bernardo A. Houssay and Luis F. Leloir, together with other renowned cardiologists as René Favaloro and Mauricio Rosenbaum, were able to communicate their manuscripts beyond our borders. In the 60s, the journal was discontinued for several months due to unfortunate political decisions, which led to its exclusion from the Index Medicus.

At present, the RAC plays a dynamic role in promoting and disseminating local scientific and intellectual production with a vision focused on regional conditions and realities. Every issue includes original articles, case reports, analysis of the ethical, social and philosophical aspects of the medical profession, reviews on relevant issues and controversies on debatable topics, always with a current and critical point of view.

Its importance is unquestionable. Despite the Journal is indexed in SciELO, Scopus, Embase, LILACS, Latindex, Dialnet and DOAJ, it is not included in the Index Medicus. Index Medicus is a comprehensive index of medical scientific journals, published since 1879.

Undoubtedly, the inclusion of a journal in the Index Medicus is one of the parameters to evaluate the quality of the articles published in it, since it undergoes an exhaustive arbitration of its editorial and scientific content.

Furthermore, the analysis of these bibliographical references allows establishing bibliometric indicators based on citation, such as the impact factor, which measures the impact a journal has had on the scientific literature by analyzing the frequency the journal articles have been cited. This factor is used for comparing journals and establishing rankings, and it reflects the relative importance of each title.

Each year, the impact factor is calculated by the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI), which keeps track on the publications and compiles them in the

Journal Citation Reports. The impact factor has a major influence in how scientific articles are perceived and evaluated. It is calculated based on a two-year period. For example, the 2013 impact factor for a particular journal is calculated as follows:

A = number of times articles published in that journal in the 2011-2012 period were cited in the all the indexed journals during 2013.

B = number of citable articles published in that journal in the 2011-2012 period.

2013 IMPACT FACTOR = A / B

Given the importance of the above, the RAC aims to attain the greatest diffusion of its content and once again become an "indexed journal". To accomplish this, the RAC has achieved:

- The formation of an Editorial Committee according to international standards.
- The participation of a group of professionals of the highest academic standards, from both national and international settings.
- Improvement of the review process of original articles.
- The participation of prestigious international colleagues to be in charge of reviewing and writing editorials of original articles.
- Improvement of technical aspects of the publication.
- English version of the journal.
- Inclusion of specialists in methodological statistics, style correction and English translation.

In short, an indexed journal achieves a greater national and international diffusion, makes it easily accessible to different places around the world, promotes the prestige of the authors and encourages greater development of scientific production. For all this we have worked and continue working and we will come back.

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