

Editorial

The Brazilian Journal of Hospital Pharmacy and Health Services trajectory: challenges and perspectives

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The Brazilian Journal of Hospital Pharmacy and Health Services (*Revista Brasileira de Farmácia Hospitalar e Serviços de Saúde*, RBFHSS) was founded in 2010¹, with the aim of addressing the need for a scientific journal that represented the Latin American Hospital Pharmacy community. The journal has published more than 410 articles since its establishment. In 2021, RBFHSS was indexed in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) and had been the official communication body of the South American Coordinating Office for Hospital Pharmacy Development (*Coordinadora Sudamericana para el Desarrollo de la Farmácia Hospitalar*, COSUDEFH) since June 2022.

Recognizing that access to medicines is a fundamental component for guaranteeing the universal right to health, RBFHSS published its inaugural thematic series in 2021, entitled "Medicines pricing and reimbursement: innovation, competitiveness, and access". The articles collection delineated the landscape of medicine pricing and incorporation within Brazil and various other countries. It not only presented and examined the execution, outcomes, shortcomings, but also identified opportunities for enhancement, all from the vantage point of experts and the various stakeholders involved.

RBFHSS is dedicated to promoting universal access to Open Science. The journal does not charge any publication or submission fees, and all published articles are available for reading without the need to pay any subscription service. RBFHSS translates the articles submitted in Portuguese into the English language at no cost for the authors. The editorial board, comprised of researchers from a wide array of institutions in Brazil, Chile, Mexico, and New Zealand, firmly believes that language should not hinder the Brazilian Hospital Pharmacy community from globally sharing their research. The Brazilian Society of Hospital Pharmacy (*Sociedade Brasileira de Farmácia Hospitalar* SBRAFH) reaffirms its commitment to pharmacists by providing full funding for RBFHSS. Throughout the last five years, the journal played a pivotal role in disseminating research finding in *Stricto Sensu* Graduate Programs. RBFHSS has published an average of 22 articles/year from 89 graduate programs across the country. Furthermore, RBFHSS remains a staunch supporter of translational, clinical and epidemiological research. It's noteworthy that during the same period, the Brazilian Hospital Pharmacy scientific journal featured articles from 37 residency programs, with an average of 10 articles published per year from these programs. This underscores the fundamental contribution of RBFHSS in disseminating knowledge generated in the realms of science, technology, and innovation.

RBFHSS boasts a notably quicker article processing time compared to the national journal average, as reported in recent studies. The median time for the initial editorial decision stands at a mere 15 days. In the event of rejection, we anticipate that this prompt response will afford authors the opportunity to expeditiously submit their work to alternative journals.

As a representative of the consolidated Latin American Hospital Pharmacy community, RBFHSS aims at new challenges. We acknowledge the influence of impact factors on authors' journal preferences. Since its inception, RBFHSS has aimed at becoming a high-quality scientific journal, indexed in renowned bibliographic databases at the national and

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international levels. In this perspective, in early 2023, RBFHSS received favorable opinion for its indexing in LILACS and ²⁻⁵continues to work towards excellence. Other indexing processes are ongoing.

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