

## Palliative care: starting a new journal

### Cuidado paliativo: o início de um novo periódico

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It is with great joy that I announce the birth of the Latin American Journal of Palliative Care (LAPC Journal), an initiative of the National Academy of Palliative Care (ANCP) from Brazil, supported by the Latin American Association for Palliative Care (ALCP). Its mission is to disseminate the results of scientific studies focused on clinical practice and research in palliative care, providing a theoretical background to be extremely useful for all professionals and specialists working in the area, not only communicating advances, but also impacting on improving the quality of life of patients and their families.

Despite the evident changes in Latin American scenario, with progress in several indicators<sup>1</sup>, the region still shows many deficiencies and there is a wide path for growth in the area of palliative care, especially in health

professional education. There is, in our countries, an irrefutable lack of journals dedicated to the publication of articles in this specialty, hence the innovative attitude of ANCP in creating this journal.

Figure 1 shows the global distribution of journals with the term "Palliative Care" in the title, registered on ISSN Portal (<https://portal.issn.org/>). There is a total of 108 journals, representing 17 countries. To date, we have found no record of a journal from Latin American countries specific to the area of palliative care.

Within this context we present an open access journal, with peer-reviewed articles and an Editorial Board comprised of palliative care professionals of renowned and recognized reputation, ensuring that the submitted manuscripts are published with the utmost quality.



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We hope that, by means of our publications, we may promote the evolution and strengthening of research in palliative care. Furthermore, we expect to help building fundamental evidence for the practice of the specialty and to advance the attention to the observance of public policies for palliative care in Latin America, fulfilling a role beyond the scientific by aiming at a social reach and impact.

With this spirit of transformation and satisfaction, we hope to encourage and invite the most diverse authors to know about and submit articles to our journal.

## Conflict of Interest

The author declares no conflict of interest.

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