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The Asklepion - Health Information journal begins the year 2026 with excellent news: the publication of its first evaluation in Qualis Capes: B1. This is an excellent result for a journal from a research group, built and produced with volunteer work and hosted on a private server.

The Asklepion journal began publication in 2021, during the global COVID-19 pandemic, with the aim of facilitating communication between producers and users of information in science, technology and innovation in health. At that time, the production and dissemination of scientific information was an act of democratic resistance against misinformation, falsification and denial of science. This was specifically relevant to vaccination and treatment of Covid-19.

Five years after the journal's launch, society faces new problems arising from the greater diversity and complexity of misinformation. Brazil experienced a significant drop in its vaccination coverage levels, and has not yet fully recovered. At this moment, the journal is focused on ensuring its continuity and sustainability.

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It is worth highlighting the most valuable asset of the Asklepion journal, which is its Editorial Committee. There are 19 professors and researchers from various universities and research institutes, who are the core of a network that gravitates around the journal in the broad area of Health Information.

The scope of Asklepion is oriented towards studies and theories of information in the area of health; knowledge organization and information management in health; information and communication technologies in health; telemedicine; information in health organizations; automation of clinical processes and procedures; information and innovation in health; artificial intelligence; mobile applications in health; Information, health and society; and health information policies.

The journal is continuously published, with submissions always open. After the article is evaluated and accepted, it is reviewed, edited and published. The journal continues with a dedicated Editorial Team that, with its voluntary work over the past five years, has made its existence and consolidation possible. I thank Ana Gabriela Clipes, the journal's editorial manager, and I thank all the others, past and present. Currently, the journal is indexed in BRAPCI, Diadorim, DOAJ, Google Scholar, Latindex and Migulim.



We invite researchers, professors and students to submit papers, as well as to follow the continuous publication of articles, knowing that they will find unpublished contributions and original works that foster and provoke critical thinking, addressing scenarios, concepts and practices necessary for the advancement of research, actions and services in Health Information.

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