

PREFACE

Asklepon - Informação em Saúde is a scholarly journal published by the Information in Science, Technology, and Innovation in Health Research Group at the Brazilian Institute of Information in Science and Technology (Ibict). The journal was launched in 2021, during the global COVID-19 pandemic, with the goal of fostering scientific communication between producers and users of health information.

At that time, the production and dissemination of scientific and technological information represented an act of democratic resistance against misinformation, disinformation, and the denial of science. This was particularly significant in relation to COVID-19 vaccination and treatment.

The year 2026 began with excellent news: *Asklepon* received its first evaluation in the CAPES Qualis ranking, earning a B1 classification. This is an outstanding achievement for a journal developed by a research group, built and maintained entirely through volunteer work and hosted on a private server.

Five years after the journal's launch, we are now facing new challenges arising from the increasing diversity and complexity of misinformation. Brazil has experienced a significant decline in vaccination coverage rates and has not yet fully recovered. At this stage, the journal's primary focus is to ensure its continuity and long-term sustainability.

One of *Asklepon's* greatest strengths is its Editorial Board, composed of twenty professors and researchers from universities and research institutions across Brazil. Together, they form the core of an extensive collaborative network dedicated to advancing research in the broad field of Information in Science, Technology, and Innovation in Health.

The scope of *Asklepon* includes studies and theories of information in health; knowledge organization and health information management; health information and communication technologies; telemedicine; information in healthcare organizations; automation of clinical processes and procedures; health information and innovation; artificial intelligence in healthcare; mobile health (mHealth) applications; information, health, and society; and health information policies.

Asklepon operates under a continuous publication model, with submissions accepted year-round. Once a manuscript has successfully completed the peer-review process and has been accepted, it undergoes copyediting, production, and publication without waiting for a scheduled issue. Throughout the past five years, the journal has relied on the dedication of its



volunteer Editorial Team, whose commitment has made its existence, growth, and consolidation possible. The journal is currently indexed in BRAPCI, Diadorim, DOAJ, Google Scholar, Latindex, and Miguilim.

We warmly invite researchers, faculty members, and students to submit their work within the journal's scope and to follow its continuous publication of articles. Readers can expect original research and innovative contributions that encourage critical thinking while addressing the concepts, scenarios, and practices essential for advancing research, professional practice, and services in the field of Health Information.

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