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The Asklepion Journal – Information on Health is a semiannual periodical publication, linked to the research group Health Information of the Brazilian Institute of Information on Science and Technology - IBICT. This journal's mission is to offer a space for debate and discussion in the area of Health Information.

The origin of this research group is linked to the effort of IBICT, in 2011, in partnership with the Institute of Communication and Scientific and Technological Information in Health -ICICT of Fiocruz, for the realization of the 1st National Health Information Forum in Rio de Janeiro. This effort resulted in the creation of GT 11 - Health Information of the National Association of Research and Graduate Studies in Information Science - ANCIB.

The partners IBICT and ICICT met again to organize a National Health Information Forum, the second, in 2019, to rescue and strengthen our commitment to the area of Health Information.

The mission of the research group, created in 2020, is to work on promoting health and social welfare. The journal contributes to fulfill this mission, through the publication of results and products of studies and research of Information in Science, Technology and Innovation in Health.

The objective of Asklepion Journal is to facilitate communication between producers and users of information in science, technology and innovation in health. The target audience is researchers, teachers and students in the area of information in science, technology and innovation in health, as well as professionals, technicians and users of these areas.

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processes and procedures; Information and innovation in health; Artificial intelligence and algorithms; Mobile apps in health; Information, health and society; Health information and policies and health information policies.

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The Covid-19 pandemic, which began in China at the end of 2019, highlights the relevance of Health Information and updates the discussion of information use strategies in this field, now characterized by intensive real-time dissemination on the Internet. The intensive dissemination of information brings with it many critical questions of sincerity, truthand honesty. Sincerity concerns the subjective dimension, the truth about the objective dimension and honesty about the social dimension.

News of the Covid-19 pandemic on the Internet resumes discussion of fraud that is, in a sense, a version of the issue of "manipulation" in the media. The change of mode of communication from one to many to communication of many with many makes the issues more complex.

In the coronavirus pandemic there are many tensions and conflicts over objectivity. The COVID-19 pandemic is showing us the complexity of the relationship between scientific information and public policy, which is far beyond an update of the conflict between opinion and truth.

Information Science rationally faces a great conflict of contemporary societies: the controversies surrounding the veracity of information that circulates with speed on the Internet. The construction of understanding for the elaboration and execution of health policies requires

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that subjects work with correction in relation to the representation and interpretation of facts and things in the world of life.

IBICT has a leading role in the Brazilian information network in Science, Technology and Innovation. In the pandemic, his research group on Health Information developed the Observatory of Scientific Evidence at Covid-19 and CoronaWiki on family and community health actions. In the midst of so many controversies it is up to the institutions of reference to intervene in the public discussion, and offer the north of veracity.

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