



Step By Step

Passo a passo

On the present date we can affirm that the Brazilian Annals of Dermatology (ABD) have taken some more steps to reach the place they deserve. They were integrated to the database of the “Journal Citations Reports” (JCR) in 2008 and they were also indexed to the Medline system in January, 2009. What remained to be done was to improve the indexes of Qualis periodicals. This was exactly what happened in February this year when the Brazilian Annals of Dermatology reached category B3 in the areas of Medicine I and II.

Although this fact might be considered a minor one it was another further step which will be followed by another one the moment the Impact Factor of the Brazilian Annals of Dermatology is signalized by the Information Sciences Institute (ISI) which will enable them to be classified as B2.

It is worth pointing out that this classification interests

the “sensu strictus” post graduation courses authorized by CAPES as in its assessment one of the main items is scientific production which is indirectly assessed by the quality of the periodicals used to publish scientific works.

Our colleagues involved with postgraduation courses that in general belong to the areas of Medicine I and II, generally try to publish their dissertations/theses or works derived from them in magazines of greater impact factor.

We suggest the reading of the editorials of other Brazilian scientific periodicals to see that this is not a problem of Dermatology only

We also point out that the many sections recently created by ABD have had excellent echo in Dermatology in general and in our accredited services showing that we aim at constant improvement, fact that characterizes a progression in a crescent spiral and never in retrograde cycles.

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