30 years of the Unified Health System in the Federal District of Brasilia

Health in Brazil is the focus of important international literature. During the commemorations for the 30th anniversary of the Unified Health System (SUS), Revista Ciência & Saúde Coletiva produced a special issue that featured the input of many authors from all regions of the country and is an excellent contribution to the literature, bringing us an overview of the advances, limits and challenges faced during this period. Inspired by this theme, the idea arose of taking a closer look at a federative unit to understand the local level of health care, surveillance and promotion. Thus, the case study of the 30 years of the Unified Health System in the Federal District of Brasilia was created.

This special issue was organized into three themes, grouped by thematic areas important for the consolidation of SUS, with authors invited from several Brazilian and foreign institutions, as well as authors of the health services. Topics included were: Theme I – management, regionalization, planning and evaluation; Theme II – health care: implementation, advances and challenges; Theme III – professional qualification for the SUS: training, technical courses, graduation, residencies and post-graduation.

To avoid bias, the project was conducted by selecting 100 authors from about 20 institutions of the scientific community, local schools and health services. The debate article, for example, had the rejoinders of Luis Augusto Pisco, the internationally renowned formulator of primary care for the reform of this policy in the Portuguese Health System, and Jairo Bisol, who besides having a master’s and a PhD in law, is a Public Prosecutor of the 1st PROSUS of the Public Prosecution Service of the Federal District and Surrounding Territories. On lessons learned and the prospects of the SUS in the Federal District of Brasilia are academically and exclusively recorded in the annals of Brazilian Public Health, enabling us to conduct an analysis.

Following the guidelines of the national thematic issue, the reflections on lessons learned and the prospects of the SUS in the Federal District of Brasilia are academically and exclusively recorded in the annals of Brazilian Public Health, enabling us to conduct an analysis of the current situation and future prospects of health in the capital of our country.

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