

Revista Gaúcha de Enfermagem and rolling publication: adapting to the needs of the scientific community

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For 40 years, the *Revista Gaúcha de Enfermagem* (RGE) has adapted its editorial processes to meet the requirements of the scientific community and a commitment to publish research results, providing visibility and transfer of knowledge in different scenarios⁽¹⁾, with consequent influence on the decision-taking that impact society in social, economic, environmental and health contexts⁽²⁾.

In this sense, following SciELO Brazil's guidelines, as of volume 39 (2018), RGE adopted the modality of rolling publishing in line with the growing trend of exclusively online periodicals⁽³⁾. This involves publishing in annual volumes, without the number of fascicles; therefore, the articles will be published as they are approved.

Authors are currently seeking periodicals that can offer a shorter time between the decision and the publication of articles. Thus, this modality of knowledge transfer that speeds up the process of communication of scientific production allows the results of innovative studies to reach the public more rapidly, as well as subsidizing financial and regulatory bodies regarding the benefits of these studies for society, this being one of the important criteria for granting incentives⁽²⁾.

For periodical editors, rolling publishing provides characteristics that often cannot be replicated in printed form⁽³⁾, such as: avoiding the accumulation of articles which are ready but depend on others for closure of the edition, enabling an increase in the number of articles published per volume, reducing printing costs, among others.

Rolling publishing favors the metrics of periodicals by making it possible to reduce the time between submission and publication, as well as demonstrating the impact of productions on the academic environment and the respective periodical, thus attracting researchers.

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