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The Brazilian Journal of Echocardiography and Cardiovascular Imaging Has Changed its Name

That's right. After two years at the helm of the "Revista do DIC" (the DIC Journal), I believe we have taken a fundamental step enabling the journal, finally, to take on the shape and content required for it to exist independently.

Everyone is aware of the huge amount of work put in to publish a minimum number of articles so the journal can remain in print. How many times have we requested help from colleagues asking them to send original articles, case reports, article reviews and editorials so that we could "close" the edition?

We sincerely believe all this work will become a little less arduous after this edition.

As of this edition, the *Revista Brasileira de Ecocardiografia e Imagem Cardiovascular* (Brazilian Journal of Echocardiography and Cardiovascular Imaging) is inaugurating a new family of Brazilian Cardiology Archives and will be named **ABC Imagem Cardiovascular (ABC Cardiovascular Imaging)**.

It has taken two years to detail the project, two years of discussions, alterations and meetings involving the DIC Management, SBC Management, the Management of IT and SBC, and the *Arquivos Brasileiros de Cardiologia* (ABC) so that we could transfer all our accumulated know-how over to the journal, which will commence publication with an IT structure identical to that of ABC.

From the offset our idea was to make the Revista do DIC more visible in order to increase submittal of national and international articles, and in this way make it easier to include the journal in the main databases, such as Scielo and, in the future, Medline. To meet this goal, we need consistent and regular publication of primarily original articles. We currently publish an average of 3 original articles, 3 editorial columns, 5 case reports and sporadic article reviews. The *Arquivos*, in that it is already a recognized journal, indexed and with a defined impact, is more attractive for

submittal of articles. In addition, several articles from the field of cardiovascular imaging, sent for publication in the ABC which, for any number of reasons, end up not being published, will be forwarded to **ABC Imagem Cardiovascular**. In this way we believe we will soon be able to index our journal in the databases mentioned above.

The journal's editorial structure will remain unchanged. The Editor and Editorial Board will continue to be independently chosen by the SBC Cardiovascular Imaging Department.

Parallel to this huge project, we have also developed an e-journal and, following the trend of *Arquivos* (and all the major scientific journals around the world), the **ABC Imagem Cardiovascular** journal will be published exclusively in the digital format (unless a member requests a printed version). Some minor adjustments, mainly with respect to advertising sponsors, have yet to be implemented before going completely digital but our goal is to phase out the printed journals next year. This will cut costs and save environmental resources by economizing paper (we all know that the hardcopy many times goes straight to the garbage can when it reaches our homes because we have already read the digital version on the DIC website).

Another great advantage of the e-journal is application of sound and video, which are extremely useful and informative in our specialty. In addition, new possibilities become available to include discussion of cases, video-classes and other multimedia activities which could be integrated into the journal. Inclusion of the Apple and Android platforms will enable readers to perform searches on tablets.

In light of all this, I will soon conclude my second appointment as the Editor of the *Revista de Ecocardiografia e Imagem Cardiovascular* feeling I've contributed to the evolution of this journal, but not without first extending my deepest thanks for the trust placed in me by the entire DIC Management team and its CEO, Jorge Eduardo Assef, to the invaluable help I was given by the SBC Management and their CEO, my friend Jadelson Pinheiro de Andrade, to the Editor of the *Arquivos Brasileiros de Cardiologia*, Luiz Felipe P. Moreira, to Orlando Castro and his team, to Renata and to Karen, who supported us all the way (and were also patient enough to put up with us) and to all those who participated, either directly or indirectly, in our work over the last two years.

Many thanks to all and good reading!
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