

### Dear colleagues,

It is with great pleasure and also with responsibility that I will take the office of editor of *ABC – Imagem Cardiovascular* for the next two years. In the past years, thanks to the efforts of all past editors, the journal has undergone considerable changes to gain greater visibility and move towards indexing in major databases, such as SciELO and, in the future, PubMed.

For this daring goal to be achieved, each edition of the journal must contain, primarily, quality original manuscripts from different national and international centers. It is also necessary that the publication of manuscripts, especially original manuscripts, be done regularly and consistently. This goal requires continuous and prolonged efforts and the contribution of all cardiovascular imaging colleagues, including not only echocardiography, but also nuclear medicine, cardiac tomography and magnetic resonance imaging, and vascular ultrasound. With the increasing integration of different imaging methods into clinical practice, it is natural that the same thing should occur with scientific publications, providing increasingly accurate and comprehensive information about our patients.

Therefore, I would like to invite all cardiologists, anesthesiologists, intensivists and radiologists working with various cardiovascular imaging methods to contribute with quality material that can be relevant for the DIC/SBC official journal. This trend of integration of different types of diagnostic tests also aims to encourage a greater number of imaging specialists to join us and strengthen DIC as an institution that is here to champion the interests, the education and training of cardiovascular imaging specialists.

I am deeply grateful for the trust I have received by the DIC Directors, especially Dr. Marcelo Vieira and Dr. Ana Clara Tude Rodrigues, who were once my masters, then work colleagues and peers and, with great pride, my dearest friends. I will work hard and hope to contribute to the growth of our journal. I am looking forward to having everyone's support.

Kind Regards,

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