

Cardiology and Public Health: 40 years

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Dear Editor,

A year ago, in 2011, in the UN, a high level meeting took place with the goal of reinforcing the prevention policies of circulatory diseases and other chronic conditions in the national agendas of public health¹. Some proposals still depend on better evaluation², but the dialog between cardiology and public health has been enriching both

areas. In Brazil, this dialog celebrates 40 years, counted from the inauguration of the first Preventive Cardiology ambulatory in the public health system of Rio Grande do Sul by Prof. Aloyzio Achutti, in 1972, remembered here with a picture. The pioneer speech uttered then is available in the Internet³.



Figure 1 – Inauguration of the “Centro de Cardiologia Preventiva” (“Preventive Cardiology Center”) in the Centro de Saúde (Health Center) No. 2, Secretaria da Saúde e do Meio Ambiente do Estado do RS (Rio Grande do Sul Department of Health and Environment), 1972. Prof. Aloyzio Achutti is identified with arrow.

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