

# February 2015: MedicalExpress stands to become a LILACS indexed journal.

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As MedicalExpress enters its second year of life there are some things to celebrate.

The first year was completed with the publication of 67 articles, 60 of which were original research or critical reviews.

The second year begins with MedicalExpress selected for inclusion into the LILACS (Latin American and Caribbean Health Sciences) database. This is a Pan-American Health Organization sponsored database. It is the most important and comprehensive index of scientific and technical literature of Latin America and the Caribbean. For 30 years LILACS has been contributing to increase visibility, access and quality of health information in the Region. The collection covers 27 countries, includes 880 plus periodicals, 790 thousand plus records and 300 thousand full texts. For Brazilian based authors inclusion in the LILACS base has a more special and specific significance: publications by graduate students and faculty become eligible for QUALIS, the rating instrument used by CAPES (Brazilian Ministry of Education) to evaluate Brazilian graduate programs.

For Brazilian based authors the insertion will validate all articles published by MedicalExpress from its inception and become eligible for the next triennial evaluation.

Upon confirmation of this indication, MedicalExpress will be ranked QUALIS B3-B5 depending on the area of knowledge within the health sciences.

The indication for inclusion imposes conditions consisting of the implementation of minor formal corrections, most of which already substantiated when this issue circulates. We are confident at the prospect of receiving full inclusion in the near future.

But we still have a fairly long hurdle race ahead. So far, SciELO, PUBMED have not yet accepted MedicalExpress and SCI and Scimago have not been approached. We hope to pursue these goals in 2015.

Once again, we cordially invite authors worldwide to continue submitting their best papers to MedicalExpress. Our best asset is undoubtedly "agility". We completed our first year with an average first response time of  $12 \pm 6$  days and acceptance to publication time of  $47 \pm 14$  days. All papers have been peer reviewed and corrected for linguistic correctness. We fully expect to be able to maintain this record throughout 2015.