

Ramb: new pathways

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The Brazilian Medical Association, understanding that the *Journal of the Brazilian Medical Association (Ramb)* should follow the worldwide trend among scientific periodicals, decided that, from 2015 on, the journal will be published in online format only.

To do so, the Board is taking measures to optimize the journal's website (www.ramb.org.br), aiming at modernizing it and making it more functional. Thus, in addition to submissions and follow-up of articles, which were already done through the website, starting next year, the editions will also include articles and sections presented in online format.

The *Ramb* website will provide immediate access to the latest journal issue finalized in PDF format, as well as previous volumes that will be available through the SciELO link. This link offers all the printed volumes since 1997, when the magazine was still quarterly, having been transformed into a bimonthly journal in 2004.

The submission process will not change: articles will only be submitted through the www.ramb.org.br page. After prior approval, they will be forwarded to peer review. Approved articles will follow the usual path for publication, that is, according to the order of submission. The process adopted for the printed format will continue so that, before the magazine is published online, the authors will receive a PDF of the article for review.

We also emphasize that this change is part of an editorial improvement process, in order to raise the journal's impact factor. On July 29 this year, Thomson Reuters released through its ISI Web Knowledge portal, the 2014 Journal Citation Reports (JCR) list with impact indicators for 2013 based on citation data statistics. *Ramb* is growing every year and, at present, has an impact factor of 0.915, above the 0.771 received in the previous classification.

This change will not affect the indexing of our journal, properly inserted in the most prestigious national and international databases. In addition to the previously cited JCR, it is indexed to other databases, including: SciELO, SCImago (SJR), Elsevier's Scopus, Lilacs, PubMed (Medline), Science Citation Index Expanded (ISI Web of Knowledge), Scopus, Qualis/Capes - B2.

We hope we can continue to count on the valuable collaboration of all those involved in this process in order to strengthen the *Journal of the Brazilian Medical Association*, which has a long, established and reputable history among Brazilian scientific publications, and is published continuously since 1954.

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