

Letter to the editor

Carta ao editor

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Dear Editor,

In another edition of the journal *Anais da Faculdade de Medicina de Olinda*, it is clearly observed that this institution is committed to the founding pillars of higher education: teaching, research, and extension. In this new edition, we must highlight the achievements in these areas, with the consolidation of actions in each of the elements of this tripod.

The result of excellent teaching was integrated into a curricular matrix and an innovative teaching methodology, complemented by extension actions and projects in various areas and perspectives, which foster the necessary community engagement among our students. Additionally, this approach encourages reflection and application of curricular themes beyond the classroom limits.

In this Edition, we celebrate several achievements, including the holding of the 2nd FMO Health Congress, which focused on discussions of chronic non-communicable diseases. The Congress brought together experts from the most diverse areas of medicine and included an opening conference, debate tables, the Simulation Olympiad, and the presentation of more than 100 works with free themes, divided into oral and posters, being considered a milestone for updating knowledge in the medical field, not only for our students but for the entire community.

We concluded 2019 with the successful completion of all components developed at the Institution by the first FMO class. We designed an internship that covered the largest and most complex hospital centers in the state of Pernambuco, in addition to six basic health units in different municipalities, providing a broad view of the SUS care network. All these efforts consolidate the Faculdade de Medicina de Olinda as a major center for medical training. These advances are reflected in this journal as we observe the quality of the studies published and the expansion of thematic horizons, such as the exclusive section dedicated to Social Responsibility.