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The number 8 of the Annals of Olinda Medical School celebrates the seventh anniversary of the Faculdade de Medicina de Olinda (FMO) and the conclusion of the third class. This launch also comes after the evaluation of the course that placed the FMO among the 25% of the best-evaluated medical schools in the country, with a score of 4.35.

Although we are humbled by the results obtained in external evaluations issued by the National Institute of Studies and Research (Ministry of Education), this achievement does not close our eyes to the understanding that we need to continue improving and building a cutting-edge space for medical training.

Thus, we envision investments in teaching staff training, support for the students, and structural reforms to improve our course with bold and innovative proposals. One of these proposals will be the construction of the Maria Institute, which will initially support individuals with Down syndrome but will later expand to other conditions. The institute will enable the disclosure of essential information to parents and guardians of these individuals, and will keep the patients connected with the FMO through outpatient, therapeutic, psychological, and psycho-pedagogical care. In addition, the institute will promote research from a digital platform with expertise in the area.

All this effort allows for the expectation of an even more productive year, with the Annals of Olinda Medical School as an institutional spokesperson for the production of knowledge through research and extension interventions beyond the faculty. We hope to contribute to the training of socially referenced, reflective, and independent physicians in the exercise of their profession.

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