Medical writing and publishing – Acta Médica Portuguesa

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Abstract

Medical editing and publishing is a key issue in medical activity. It is very important for the medical CV as well for the development of medical science. It is part of our preparation and task in order to give better care to our patients.

To publish in a medical journal with good impact factor should be one of our most important goals to have in mind. Is good for us, for our Department, for our Hospital, University, Institute, country…. And for our patients and the modern society.

So, it is very useful to know "How to Do". Publish or Perish. Teaching of all the mechanisms to write, publish, review, etc must begin in early years of medical course. Is a difficult task with a lot of defeats. We must be prepared to be resilient. Never, never, never, never give up.

In this presentation we present Acta Médica Portuguesa as a case study of a modern medical journal. Acta Médica Portuguesa is in the section of Internal Medicine and General in the position 132 in 150, of Web of Science. It is receiving around 1000 papers each year. We explain the flux of a paper, the process of review, how to use graphics and figures, how to convince the editor-in-chief, how to use facebook, twitter, www. Becoming an editor-in-chief is a specialized task, time consuming and certain times like a referee in soccer: we need them but we hate them all.