

## EDITORIAL

## News from 'Emergencias'

## Novedades en EMERGENCIAS

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A new issue of EMERGENCIAS is here. In it you will be able to appreciate certain content changes, all of them in line with the new Mutatis Mutandis project that was presented last year<sup>1</sup>. Probably the most visible is the inclusion of two articles in two new categories: "Historical notes" and "Change of guard". These, together with the "Wide-angle" section, aim to bring the Journal closer to readers with a non-strictly scientific interest, and provide it with a greater humanistic content that complements its DNA, which will continue to be markedly scientific. Thus, the section "Historical notes" will publish relevant aspects related to the History of Emergency Medicine (EM) with a broad perspective, which covers both its global concept and most specific aspects, and also includes the assistance development, both regarding health care devices for emergency care as well as the evolution of the healthcare system related to emergency care. In summary, any information from the past of EM that is conveniently documented will be of interest to this section. The section "Change of guard" will publish the experiences of the professionals related to the assistance activity, preferably those that highlight the values of the attention in emergencies or that are relevant from the emotional or experiential point of view. Finally, the section "Wide-angle" will expose experiences, impact or impressions on the practice of EM and, unlike the previous section, not only aims to provide the vision of the professional, but also wants to give voice to patients and other non-health professionals from their perspective regarding aspects of clinical practice of our specialty.

Another novel aspect in this first issue of 2019 is the appearance of the section "Scientific Letters", in which three works are published. This section is intended to be the vehicle for the dissemination of studies that contain original research based on local surveys or on a small number of cases and a specific conclusion, as well as those series of cases of the same body or exceptional isolated cases that illustrate relevant clinical aspects. Although this space is more limited than that offered by the "Original" and "Short Originals" sections, it must be sufficient given the intrinsic characteristics of these works. The detailed conditions for publication in this and the aforementioned sections can be found on the Journal website, which contains instructions for authors<sup>2</sup>.

This issue of EMERGENCIAS publishes, for the first time, the design of a clinical trial within the "Originals" section, which will take place over the next few months. This is a relatively uncommon fact in both Spanish and international scientific journals, but has been occurring for some years now, especially when it comes to studies that can potentially have a high impact on the clinical practice of the specialty addressed by the journal in question<sup>3-6</sup>. Although it does not provide results, it alerts the scientific community to a seminal study that is underway and from which it is expected to obtain an answer to a relevant question in the short term. EMERGENCIAS has decided to join this practice under strict conditions for the publication of this typology of articles: that it is a clinical trial, is led by specialists in Spanish EM, that an important part of the researchers are emergency physicians, that it is carried out in hospital emergency departments or in medical emergency systems and that the question that the trial would attempt to answer is relevant to the clinical practice of EM. We are aware that all this context will rarely occur, as unfortunately the highest level of EM research in Spain, which is carried out through clinical trials, is not usually led by its professionals. But when this happens, EMERGENCIAS will be delighted to be able to be the vehicle of diffusion for such studies.

Finally, there are two sections that disappear: the "Clinical Notes" section and the "Images" section, of which the last two are published in this issue. This should not imply the loss of information, since the articles that were previously published in the first one can be redirected to "Scientific Letters" (if they are long series of cases) or to "Letters to the editor" (if they are isolated cases), whereas those that were published in the second one can find good accommodation in "Letters to the editor" if they are accompanied by a suitable development of the clinical case. With this, EMERGENCIAS is aligned with the formats most commonly used at present by first level scientific journals.

All of the above is part of an attempt to strengthen the multidisciplinary and transversal character of EMERGENCIAS, and at the same time improve the quality of its scientific content. Without a doubt, the high levels of recognition that the Journal<sup>7-9</sup> has reached in recent years are an incentive for all professionals who

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practice EM. And with these changes, we hope that the improvement will continue. At the end of the day, the achievements and acknowledgements of EMERGENCIAS will go hand in hand with the achievements and acknowledgements achieved by the research of Spanish emergency physicians. And judging by the evolution of the last few years<sup>10-12</sup>, the scenario that opens up is very encouraging.

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