

## Editorial

### Open access to scientific knowledge: CMDLT's passion and commitment.

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Centro Médico Docente La Trinidad, CMDLT [La Trinidad Teaching Medical Center] has been a leading institution since its foundation. Through original proposals for medical services, social responsibility programs for the improvement of the community, and innovation in health sciences education and biomedical research, CMDLT has managed to merge the generation of knowledge, education, and health care with the highest quality standards. Today, we proudly present a new publication created by the CMDLT professionals: Revista Científica CMDLT [CMDLT Scientific Journal, an open access journal].

The origins of this scientific publication date back to 2007, when the project was developed under the name Proyección Docente [Teaching Advancement] as a newsletter of the Education and Research Department at CMDLT meant to promote and advertise the scientific knowledge that the institution generated. Later, the vision and scope of the project were expanded due to the growing need for platforms with relevant information. Thus, in 2015, Dr. Roberto Curiel, MD, spearheaded the publication's modernization process and invited me to participate as editor. In 2020, we completed the transformation of the journal thanks to the institutional support of the CMDLT. Under the new name of Revista Científica CMDLT [CMDLT Scientific Journal], the open access journal now incorporates auditable, quality editorial processes with cutting-edge technology.

The CMDLT Scientific Journal's mission is to disseminate academic content on health sciences, enabling students and professionals in this area to learn about proven and accepted topics, practices, and innovations, thus allowing them to offer the best possible health care according to globally recognized standards. The CMDLT Scientific Journal's broad spectrum of publications includes articles on clinical sciences, surgical sciences, basic sciences, public health, applied health technology, as well as teaching and assistance activities. The continuous and open access format guarantees timely availability of relevant research. Open access publication of scientific knowledge empowers researchers and professionals committed to the common good, and the institutions that support them.

Our editorial team includes professionals committed to the promotion of research, who boast a broad range of experiences in the different health areas and related sciences. We have collaborators in Venezuela and overseas, who passionately and professionally support our country. With the CMDLT Scientific Journal, we can contribute to the fulfillment of UNESCO's Sustainable Development Goals, ensuring public access to information to achieve health and welfare, while supporting quality education. All health professionals are invited to publish and promote their interesting and relevant work in our journal, enhancing and giving visibility to Venezuelan research.

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As we crafted the new journal, the Education and Research Department at CMDLT continued to develop training programs that create knowledge that can be published and promoted through open access platforms.

The creation of the CMDLT Scientific Journal as the official scientific publication of Centro Médico Docente La Trinidad strengthens the commitment and responsibility of our institution with the Venezuelan scientific community. We dream that our journal will be a worldwide showcase for sharing quality scientific information generated in our country.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all our collaborators for helping us make this dream come true. It is a pleasure and a privilege to participate hand in hand with an outstanding team of committed professionals who supported this project, and we invite everyone to join us.