

The history of Brazilian emergency medicine: the stones on the paths shaped our protagonism

A história da medicina de emergência brasileira: as pedras nos caminhos moldaram nosso protagonismo

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The year 2024 marks the fourth year of activities of the Brazilian Journal of Emergency Medicine (JBMEDE). This last decade is also a reason for joy for Brazilian Emergency Medicine due to its formal recognition as a specialty in Brazil; the advances made by the numerous training centers for new emergency professionals; for the academic inclusion of the Emergency discipline in universities; by the first full professors and also by clinical trials and national registries. Thus, Brazil is consolidating itself on the Latin American continent as a great leadership force and an example for other countries to follow.

Paraphrasing Edmund Burke: “Those who do not learn your history are doomed to repeat it”. The future of Emergency Medicine is already effective and real, and the current concern is no longer existing. However, the fastest growing specialty in Brazil in proportional terms cannot forget where it came from or all its brave creation struggle!

There were more than 20 years in the limbo of medical specialties between the creation of

the first training center and the officialization of the specialty. Ideas contrary to its formation as a specialty, difficulty in explaining the concept of “emergency medicine” and struggles for title were some of the steps taken by what, until then, were the unrecognized emergency doctors of the time.

Throughout 2024, JBMEDE is preparing a series of historical facts narrated by characters who lived through these moments. The reader will remember the formation and growth of our specialty.

The immortalization of these facts is a way of toasting the present and envisioning expectations for what is to come.

The great motivation for this new section and the creation of this editorial serve to celebrate and immortalize the resilience of these colleagues who lived anonymously in the race for space in the specialty. With each fall to the ground, you rise up for a new battle. Today, thanks to this undisputed and unbeatable strength, the idea that we are EMERGENCY DOCTORS is spreading to all regions of Brazil!



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