

Editorial

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Methodological and management innovations prevail in Volume 4, Number 2 of Recis, maintaining its openness to multidisciplinary readings on health innovation, information and communication themes.

The information systems developed within health area reflect the growing complexity of actions required for its appropriate management and decision-making. The article **“Information System of Health Surveillance in Brazil: evolution over the period 2000-2005”**, by Ricardo Gamarski and Eduardo Mota, discusses the key role of Internet to the centralization of the national database in health surveillance. This centering on the web and the adoption of the principles of e-government should accomplish two goals: the inner sphere, streamline operational procedures in the outer sphere, provide information at no cost to the citizen. Integrate existing systems, ensuring the timeliness and reliability of data and retain professionals who combine expertise in systems and work processes are continuing challenges.

The use of web-based technologies in healthcare is also the subject of the article **“Does Advoy.com help patients suffering from primary immunodeficiency diseases: Their life experience That Has improved situation”** by Janne Björkander and Carina Bertero, which evaluated the use of an online application for monitoring the treatment of patients with primary immunodeficiency diseases. After reports of users, they discussed the positives and negatives of using this tool. The ease of access to documentation that portrayed the history of the treatment provided to the users the feeling of having the disease under control in difficult times, and allows, in case of contamination, the tracking of batches and their users. Aspects related to usability were mentioned as negative aspects of the application.

Patent applications made to the National Institute of Industrial Property shall issue the article **“Patents of polymorphic forms in the area of pharmaceuticals in Brazil and the impact on Public Health”** by Jaqueline Mendes Soares, Marilena Cordeiro Dias Villela Correa, Liane Elizabeth Caldeira Lage. What is clear from this analysis is that the vast majority of these applications - a recognized indicator

of national capabilities for technological innovation - did not meet some of the requirements for patentability, such as determining novelty of the polymorphic form claim. Another important aspect pointed out by the article is the role of public institutions responsible for defining the technical guidelines, targeting professionals and depositors on the standard of the examination of applications and providing transparency to the process.

“Health and democratic management: a critical analysis of Health Councils”, Richelly Barbosa de Medeiros recalls the recent history of health as a citizens right and state obligation in order to outline the role of Health Councils - a management innovation that represented the inclusion of various actors in health policy discussions. At the same time that the Councils can be seen as a place for exchange of information amongst various actors who plead for an inclusive health, the author points out - amid the neoliberal dismantling of public affairs - the production of complementary and antagonistic discourses in terms participatory management.

In **“The three subjects in intradiscourse dialogue of meaning attribution social research: consequences for evaluation”**, Fernando Lefevre and Ana Maria Cavalcanti Lefevre bring the application, to the collective health, of a methodology: the technique of the Collective Subject Discourse - DSC. Proposed by the Lefevres in 2005, DSC could be an alternative to a central limitation the authors identify in the scientific communication of empirical social research, depending on meaning attribution: the researcher subject's mediation, between reality seeking expression through testimony and the reader - the third subject - can generate a noise as specific as repeated. To outcome the problem, the versatile DSC would enable the direct expression of collective thought, constituting a collective subject speech from the material of individual statements with similar content.

In **“Communication in the work of teachers and researchers: a study of the physics activity”**, Denise Alvarez exposes the differences and similarities between the daily lives of those scientists and the organization of academic activity and research in general. They should reinvent their

own work to oscillate between two logics: that of development agencies, focusing on individual production, and that of the Humboldtian university, which leads to communication and cooperation with multiple stakeholders and demands. It's at the same a deep and panoramic reading that combines the looks of Psychodynamics of Work, Sociology of Science and, especially, the Ergonomics of Activity, thus composing a innovative methodological path – robust, but not monolithic – which may be useful for a studies field as complex as Health.

New section *Scriptures and Mediations* revisits a discussion of the latest edition of 2009, with two documentaries: **“Do luto à luta”** (*From mourning to battle*), by Evaldo Morcazel on patients with Down syndrome, and **“Clarita”**, by Theresa Jessouroun on the evolution of Alzheimer's Disease in the title character – actually, her mother – which are discussed respectively by Miguel Pereira and Eduardo Mourão Vasconcelos. Both films have in common a discussion, regarding mental conditions that are also physical, albeit

tending to be seen unidimensionally – *the non-normal* – the characters who live these conditions embody the complexity of the Human, and help us to reposition our own view. Is it time to question a concept such as “mental health”, which seems to presuppose a certain specificity that derives separation between mind and body?

Marcia Raymundo Mocellin reviews **“Leituras de novas tecnologias e saúde”** (*Readings on new technologies and health*), organized by Ana Cristina de Souza Mandarinou and Estélio Gomberg. Numerous issues that arise in the intersection between technology and health are visited throughout the chapters of the book: technology management policies in Brazil, the emergence of the Virtual Library of Health, the Internet use for education in health, (re)organization management, labor and care in light of new technologies.

Welcome, reader, to another Recis issue.
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