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Editorial

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In this second issue of the seventh edition of Visa in Debate, readers can explore the vast world of Health Surveillance. This knowledge area is approached in different aspects by the authors of the papers, the debate and the experience report. This is a result of the comprehensiveness of our network of collaborators, who play extremely relevant roles, both in the submission of their manuscripts and in the evaluation of these papers. It is through them that we can ensure the quality of the published studies.

The debate discussed the provision of care to the institutionalized elderly in long-term institutions (LTI) from the perspective of health surveillance. This institutionalization is a direct reflection of the increase in life expectancy, however, care for the health of this senior population should be provided with special attention due to its many particularities.

Next there are two papers that address major concerns for the population's health: the detection of errors in prescriptions and the lack of basic sanitation that may be impacting the profile of hepatitis A patients in Belém (state of Pará).

We received contributions that focus on medicines from different perspectives: the lack of specific rules for the use of new technology products (silver nanoparticles); the impact analysis of clinical evaluation on medical device marketing authorization; the evaluation of adverse reactions in pediatric cancer patients taking L-asparaginase; and the economic feasibility of using fresh frozen plasma for the production of blood products. Finally, there is a study of identification and quantification of p-phenylenediamine (PPD) in henna dye through High Performance Liquid Chromatography/Ultraviolet (HPLC/UV). Finally, we present a group of papers that address: food-related topics tested for the presence of microbiological and chemical contamination, the use of ultra-processed food labeling among university students; and the application of good practices and standard operating procedures in food services. The efficiency of a remediation filter for the removal of pollutants in pig farming facilities is also demonstrated.

We recommend reading this issue accompanied by profound reflections on what have been, what we are now and what we want for our future.

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