Abstract

Objective: to quantify medical students' participation in publication of original contributions in Venezuelan medical journals. Design: observational retrospective study. Place: archives of the Universidad de Los Andes Medical School, and SciELO Venezuela webpage. Population: original articles, short communications and letters to the editor between 2001 and 2005, in updated quarterly journals. Interventions: review of authors' affiliations (student or professional, university and school of origin), article type and journal of publication. Main outcome: frequency and percentage of articles with student participation. Results: 333 original contributions from three journals, in 3.9% (11) student participation in authorship. The Revista de la Sociedad Venezolana de Microbiología published most of students' articles (5). In 2002 six publications were registered, and annual tendencies were not found. All publications were done by professionals and students, and in all cases a professional was the first author. Conclusions: medical students' participation in Venezuelan medical journals is present but in a low percentage. It is recommended to direct medical students to publish their research.

Keywords

Medical students, university research, scientific publication