

EDITORIAL



The importance of Radiology in general medical activity and the future of Radiology in Portugal are current topics of discussion in our radiological community.

In order to look into the future of Radiology we must not forget its past, namely in what regards its contribution to the implementation of new diagnostic techniques, the surrounding organization necessary for its most appropriate use and its teaching. The present issue of the Radiological Act contains an article about the life of Professor Doctor Albano Ramos. The documentation work carried out by the authors allowed us to classify this physician, pioneer of Radiology in Oporto as a virtuous man, an example of a University Professor and a Radiologist of unique organizational, innovative and clinical capacity.

This journal's issue also includes an article on value-based Radiology, whose author has just recently published a book on the subject.

In a society where the metric in the evaluation is constant and where we have permanent access to an endless database, the decisions we make are increasingly associated with the value that is attributed to each act, to each place, to each experience. The evaluation based on the experience of ordinary users or expert critics, together with a range of quality parameters, influences the choices we make. Today we choose according to their score what movies to watch, what to listen to, where to dine, what to visit, where to

sleep. And, we must recognize, it is much to our advantage, the choice we make.

In medicine, "value" depends on the health outcomes achieved against the costs incurred to achieve them. In the present society, the process that leads to a correct and timely diagnosis is still often undervalued. On the contrary, the error or inherent complications are falsely valued without clarifying the limitations of each technique.

Metrics are important to categorize the adequacy of an exam in a given clinical context, the implementation of tools that facilitate this choice or that allow optimized diagnoses using artificial intelligence. But at the same time, it is crucial to have a physician, a radiologist nearby and available both to the patient and to the referring physician. In Radiology and Intervention Radiology, it is paradigmatic the "added value" of having differentiated physicians performing multiple techniques that interest a large group of patients. Any management center will appreciate the importance of having Radiologists who perform minimally invasive techniques to patients from various backgrounds. This edition of the Radiological Act helps us to reflect on the future place of Radiology which, as in the past, largely depends on the availability of each Radiologist.

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