

A Year of Growth, Quality and Commitment to Paraguayan Surgery

Se cierra un año de crecimiento, calidad y compromiso con la Cirugía Paraguaya

At the close of this year 2025, we are pleased to share with the surgical community a reflection on the path traveled and the achievements reached by the Revista Cirugía Paraguaya. This has been an especially fruitful period, in which we have been able to publish and disseminate scientific works of great rigor, relevance, and impact. Each contribution received and approved for publication reflects the commitment of health professionals to the generation of knowledge and to the continuous improvement of surgical practice in Paraguay.

The thematic diversity of the manuscripts included in this year's issues confirms that Paraguayan surgery is undergoing a sustained process of scientific maturation. During this period, documents of great scientific and academic value have been incorporated, aiming to unify criteria, strengthen evidence based decision making, and promote the standardization of care in pathologies of high prevalence and clinical impact.

We also wish to highlight the strengthening of the journal's presence in the main circuits of scientific dissemination. Our indexation in BIREME – Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information – allows the published articles to feed into widely visible databases, among them LILACS, the Virtual Health Library – Paraguay, SciELO Paraguay, LATINDEX, and Google Scholar. This regional and international presence favors the consultation, analysis, and citation of national scientific production by professionals and academics from different countries, consolidating the recognition of our journal as a reliable medium for the dissemination of surgical knowledge.

The progress of the journal has also involved a constant commitment to improving the editorial process, methodological rigor, and transparency in peer review. Throughout the year, we have continued working to optimize review times, raise the quality of evaluations, and provide closer support to authors in the preparation and submission of their manuscripts. As editors, we consider it a priority to maintain and improve these standards, with the objective that the journal continues to position itself as a national and regional reference.

We also wish to emphasize the firm commitment of Revista Cirugía Paraguaya to inclusion and broad participation of all colleagues. We work to integrate contributions from various medical care centers, academic units, and different areas of surgery, with the purpose of maintaining a plural, representative, and democratic space. We aspire for each professional to find in

these pages a place to share experiences, research, and reflections that enrich the entire surgical community of the country.

In this same sense, it is especially encouraging for us to observe the growing interest and participation of young surgeons, residents, and medical students who have decided to begin scientific research and publish their first works. This phenomenon is a source of deep satisfaction, as it ensures the generational continuity of critical thinking, scientific curiosity, and commitment to the progress of Paraguayan surgery. From the journal, we will continue supporting these formative processes and promoting the integration of new generations into scientific production.

We cannot fail to acknowledge the effort of all those who are part of the editorial chain. We express our gratitude to the authors who trusted the journal to disseminate their research; to the reviewers, whose voluntary, rigorous, and silent work constitutes the cornerstone of scientific quality; to the editorial team; to the Paraguayan Society of Surgery, through its President, as well as to the administrative and support staff of SOPACI; to the publishing house responsible for layout and publication; and to all the people who, from different fields, contribute so that each issue reaches the surgical community on time. Each link in this process is essential and deserves our most sincere recognition.

Finally, we extend a warm greeting to all the members of the Paraguayan Society of Surgery (SOPACI) and to the readers of its scientific organ, Revista Cirugía Paraguaya. We wish you a fulfilling end of the year and a prosperous, healthy, and productive 2026. We trust that the new year will find us working together once again to strengthen surgery in our country, promote scientific research, and continue building, through this journal, a space for encounter, updating, and growth for the entire national surgical community.

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