

1st ASSOCIAÇÃO PRESENTE ONCOLOGY NATIONAL CONGRESS: MONTES CLAROS AS A STAGE FOR THE MULTIPROFESSIONAL DISCUSSION ON THE ONCOLOGY STATE OF THE ART

Whatever God wants, man dreams and the work is born! So, in 2004, Associação Presente, an Association of Support for Cancer Patient called Padre Tiãozinho was born, becoming a reference in the North of Minas Gerais for accommodation and welcoming to those who come to Montes Claros to face cancer for an early diagnosis. Thus, aiming to bring knowledge, learning and exchange of expertise among health professionals and hundreds of pro-life scholars, Associação Presente held the 1st National Congress of Oncology - a scientific event of excellence, which between the 17th and 19th of August 2017, presented Montes Claros with the highest scientific level on Cancer Prevention, Health Promotion, Cancer Treatment, Palliative Cares and Advocacy. In a roundtable format, 32 renowned Brazilian Lecturers discussed contemporary issues and innovation related to the approach of breast, head and neck cancer, hematologic tumors, prostate cancer, cancer of the gastrointestinal tract, immunotherapy, advances in the treatment of melanoma, contribution of genetics in oncology, health promotion and palliative cares.

Besides Associação Presente, the event had the support of the following partnership: Roche, Hermes Pardini Laboratory, Oncovida, Novo Nordisk Pharmaceutical Production of Brazil, MSD Saúde Animal, Bayer, Dr. Reddy's, Astelas, Teva, Libbs, Marlugram, Exito Engineering, Banco do Nordeste, Brazilian Society of Oncology, Brazilian Society of Mastology, Academic League of Cancer Studies of Northern Minas Gerais, Academic League of Palliative Cares and Unimontes Científica Journal (State University of Montes Claros). More than 500 applicants were enrolled registered among which 83 with scientific papers as simple abstracts and also full articles.

Although the congress was in August, in November, a special edition of Unimontes Científica Journal was launched in alignment with the awareness campaign to prevent and combat male cancer. That is why all the first pages of all articles contain the logo of that campaign. This special

issue comprises the 29 articles approved and presented at that National Congress of Oncology. The publicity in English of this edition issue will give a greater visibility of the science discussed in the event, being also in alignment with the proposal of internationalization of the Unimontes Científica Journal.

We are grateful to everyone who made this special issue possible and exalted and validated the commitment of love and life to Associação Presente!

Peace and All good, always!

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