



MEDICAL WRITING: PERSPECTIVE OF CEARÁ MEDICAL CENTER THROUGH THE JOURNAL CEARÁ MÉDICO (1913 - 1935)

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Abstract

In the early twentieth century, Fortaleza had difficulties in organizing the public health as others Brazilian cities. Public resources were used to hygiene care only during the dry season and in epidemics periods. Most doctors worked in private practice and used to provide free service in Santa Casa de Misericórdia Hospital. They also assumed public office related to hygiene. It is important to note that Brazilian and other countries doctors, in the early twentieth, wanted to be recognized for their profession and for trust at their work. In 1913, Ceará Medical Center was founded and the main objectives were to united doctors, pharmacists and dentists, to conduct research, to disseminate their projects and to get closer to the local people. The journal “Ceará Médico” was one of the most important divulgation and action instruments of Ceará Medical Center. The journal intention was to reach professionals linked to health area through a simple text, but “interesting and useful”, as said the doctor and journal director Dr. Aurelio. “Ceará Médico” can be considered an important source for historians to understand health and disease aspects in Fortaleza and elsewhere. The analysis of this journal shows the medical issues in Brazil in the early twentieth century and represents a contribution of an effort made to understand the professionalization processes, the diseases, the treatments and the scientific controversies related to medicine and public health in different countries.