



Academic League in Stomal Therapy: challenges and overcoming in times of Pandemic

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Objective: To report the actions performed by an Academic Stomatherapy League during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Methods: Descriptive study of the experience report type on the actions developed by an Academic League of a higher education institution in southern Brazil. The entity is made up of students and professors from undergraduate and graduate Nursing courses and health professionals (doctors and nurses), and aims to promote care and continuing education in the area of Stomatherapy for academics and professionals from various institutions of health in the region. Before the pandemic, trainings were carried out in hospitals, clinics and long-term institutions for health professionals, patients and caregivers; in addition to clinical care for patients at the outpatient clinic of the university hospital in the region. During the pandemic, educational activities were adapted to online mode, and among them stands out the "I Academic Journey on Care for People with Stomies, Wounds and Incontinence", held in November 2020. The event took place during three days with the support of representative entities in Stomatherapy in Brazil and featured lectures by renowned professionals in the area, as well as interactions via chat and questionnaires for answering questions. Gifts such as books and vouchers for scientific events were sponsored by partner institutions

Results: The event had national coverage and had 4,188 participants, including undergraduate and graduate health students, nurses, physicians, nursing technicians and others. As a result of this activity, nine papers were presented at scientific events later, two of which were awarded. This activity also significantly increased the visibility and number of followers of the academic league on social networks, which ends up being an instrument for new interactions and the possibility of carrying out other activities. This experience provided the opportunity for the "II Academic Journey on Care for People with Ostomies, Wounds and Incontinence" which will be held in September 2021 and will take place in the same format as the previous one: online format, free of charge, for three days, with support from partnerships, sponsorships and distribution of gifts.

Conclusion: holding events online has become a feasible option for the safe dissemination of scientific knowledge at this time of pandemic. This model allowed for expansion, increased the entity's visibility, reduced possible costs with a face-to-face event, and provided accessibility to updated contents in Stomatherapy. Despite being a challenge, the experience was promising, providing subsidies for the realization of a new scientific event with a view to growth and contributions in the evolution of teaching-learning to academics, health professionals and science. Scientific updating in the area promotes more qualified and humanized care