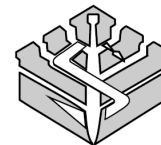


Decano FCS y Presidente
del Consejo Superior
Prof. Antonio Eblén
Directora Fundadora
Prof. María Jordán de Pelayo
Directora – Editor
Prof. Mercedes Márquez
Co-Editor
Prof. Marisol García
Coordinador Técnico
Prof. Cruz Manuel Aguilar
Miembros
Prof. María Cristina González
Prof. José Corado.
Salus - Online
Prof. Ricardo Montoreano

Comité Asesor
Prof. María Jordán de Pelayo
Prof. Gladys Febres de Salas
Prof. Wolfan Araque
Prof. Ricardo Montoreano
Prof. Julio González
Miembros del Consejo de Redacción
Presentado en el Organigrama
Árbitros
Miembros del Personal
Docente y de Investigación U.C. y de
otras Instituciones de Educación Superior
Colaboradores
Prof. Jeanette Silva
Dpto. Idiomas FCS

Salus



**Revista de la Facultad de Ciencias de la Salud
Universidad de Carabobo**

Salus is the official Journal of the Faculty of Health Sciences of the University of Carabobo, Venezuela. The Journal publishes peer-reviewed articles divulging original research and invited reviews in the field of biomedical sciences. Periodicity: One volume per year containing three numbers. Special numbers organized by an invited editor are also included. The distribution of the printed version is done via donation to all academic institutions and it is also available on the internet (**Salus** On line: <http://salus-online.fcs.uc.edu.ve>; <http://servicio.cid.uc.edu.ve/fcs/>). It is indexed in: EMBASE; REVENCYT (Journals in Science and technology); FUNDACITE MÉRIDA; included in the register of Venezuelan publications in science and technology from FONACIT (Venezuelan Ministry of Science) <http://www.fonacit.gob.ve/convocatorias.asp?id=57> LATINDEX, Regional System of On Line Information for Scientific Journals in Latin America, Spain and Portugal and The data base PERIÓDICA

http://www.latindex.unam.mx/pais.php?clave_pais=43&opcion=1;
<http://www.latindex.unam.mx/larga.php?opcion=1&folio=10060>;

Salus is member of the Association of Editors of Venezuelan Biomedical Journals – ASEREME.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE AUTHORS

Manuscripts submitted for publication must be accompanied by a cover letter requesting the publication. It must be signed by all the authors indicating their agreement with the final version of the manuscript. The corresponding author must be clearly indicated as well as the cession of the copyrights to **Salus**.

Manuscripts should be sent to the Editorial Board of Salus: University of Carabobo, Faculty of Health Sciences, Barbula, Module N° 13, Valencia, Carabobo State, Venezuela. The Editorial Committee will verify whether the manuscript is written according to the guidelines and will send it to at least two reviewers maintaining the anonymity of the authors. The Editorial Board preserves the right to accept or reject a manuscript maintaining the confidentiality of authors and reviewers.

The following types of articles can be published in **Salus**:

- **Original Article.** Presentation of an inedited complete and original study applying the scientific method

- **Brief Note.** Presentation of interesting preliminary results, modification of techniques and methods. The brief notes should not be a preliminary presentation of already complete studies. The text should not exceed 4 pages with a maximum of 2 figures or tables. A short initial summary should include the fundamentals, the major findings and the conclusions.
- **Clinical Case.** Description of new pathologies, pathologies of low frequency or of difficult diagnosis and/or treatment. Must include a detailed description of the case followed by a discussion including the pertinent literature.
- **Review.** The revision must deal with a general interest issue including pertinent recent literature. It should be written by an expert on the field and contain in the presentation and discussion the contributions of the author. Reviews consistent in a mere revision of the literature without analysis and discussion are not acceptable.
- **Assay.** Dealing with important aspects of Science and/or the professional practice. Since no own data must be involved it can be regarded as a divulgation work.
- **Current Topics.** New issues, facts or research episodes presented by members of the scientific community.
- **Honor to whom deserves it.** A biographical outline of the life and work of a person or institution of relevance in biomedical sciences.

Manuscripts must be clear, concise, exact in the use of the language (in the field), and adjusted to the format of **Salus**. For the adjustment of style, uniformity and clarity of the information contained in manuscripts it is recommended to use the norms contained in: "Requisites of uniformity for manuscripts presented to biomedical journals from the international committee of editors of biomedical journals" available in:

- www.um.es/eglobal/normas/vancouver.pdf

- www.icmje.org

In addition the authors must comply with the style normative of **Salus** (adjusted to the uniformity rules cited above). Opinions, ideas or suggestions appearing in any kind of article are of exclusive responsibility of the authors. **Salus** will guarantee the compliance with the international agreement of Helsinki and similars.

Spanish is the main language and manuscripts in English (secondary language) are also encouraged. The authors must send an original and two copies of the manuscript, in letter-size pages, numbered in the superior-right margin, double-spaced and in a typeface of 12-point size. In addition, an electronic version (Microsoft Word with figures and tables is encouraged) of the manuscript in a diskette or CD with appropriate labels and clear file names must be also submitted (it can be done also via E-mail). The allowed manuscript length depends on the type of article.

Original Article, Assay or Review: 5,000 words including 500 words for table or figure.

Clinical Case: 1,200 words.

Brief Note: 800 words.

Current Topics or Letters to the Editor: 400 words.

Honor to whom deserves it: 800 words.

The editorial committee will designate at least two expert reviewers to evaluate the manuscript. The authors will only make the corrections recommended by the reviewers or the editorial committee.

The texts of experimental or observational studies will have the following structure: Title, Abstract/key words, Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, Acknowledgments (optional), and References. Subtitles can be included when needed. The editorial committee must be consulted for another type of presentation.

TITLE. Must be written in boldface, lower case (use capitals only when needed) and should not exceed 90 characters. Must be concise and have relevant information about the work to maximize sensibility and specificity in electronic searches. Below the title: all authors' full names and all affiliations clearly indicated in a new paragraph; post address, E-mail address, and telefax of the corresponding author; funding information (project code and funding agency); a shortened version of the title for use as a running title (maximum 5 words).

ABSTRACT / Key words. The abstract must be structured, presented in English and Spanish, and limited to 250 words (not containing references). It must summarize the aim of the work, the methodological approach, the main results, their significance and the main conclusion(s). Key words (3 to 5) should be added next for use in indexing. For the key words in Spanish is recommended the use of Descriptors in Health Sciences of BIREME, available in <http://decs.bireme.br>. For key words in English is recommended the use of the Medical Subject Headings (MeSH), available in <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez?db=mesh>

INTRODUCTION. It should be a short section in which the authors should state the purposes and reasons for performing the work, with brief reference to relevant previous work.

MATERIALS AND METHODS. It should present an accurate description of: the subjects of the study, indicating any ethical criteria used; the experimental methods (detailed enough to allow qualified researchers to reproduce the results) and statistical analysis tools; the chemicals and equipment used (indicating the fabricant). Units, full name and abbreviations, must be used according to the International System (IS). Equations should be presented in line ($m/s^2 = m \cdot s^{-2}$). Thus the symbol M (molar) must be replaced by mol/L or $mol \cdot L^{-1}$, and mM will be mmol/L. The list of abbreviations of the international system can be found in:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_System_of_Units

RESULTS. This section must summarize the relevant observations presented in the text in logical order, together with tables and figures

Tables. Used for efficient short form presentation of information. It is strongly recommended to use the function "Insert table" of the word processor software to construct the table (use of space bar and tabs should be avoided) with a maximal width corresponding to one column of the journal (about 8 cm). The position of the table in the manuscript should be clearly indicated. Tables should be printed in separate pages and electronically delivered in separate fully identified files. Results presented in tables should not be repeated in the text (only relevant aspects). Tables should be numbered and have a head title. Comments and clarifying remarks of table components should be positioned below the table.

Figures. High quality photographs, graphics, line drawings, diagrams, etc., should appear in separate pages of the text together with a figure legend (below the figure) including: Number (i.e. Figure 1...), a

short explicative title and, if needed, a short piece of text clarifying relevant aspects of the figure (not reproducing the procedures described in Materials and Methods) allowing the understanding without reading the main manuscript text. Graphics, line drawings and the lettering of the figures should be clear enough to allow reproduction in 1 column without compromising the information intended to convey. The position of the figure in the manuscript should be indicated. Original and two copies or digital versions (high resolution JPG or BMP) of the figures should be submitted with the manuscript.

Reproduction of published figures/tables. It is assumed that figures and tables are constructed with original information of the work. In case of absolute need, a figure/table from a different work can be reproduced. In that case the corresponding reference must be cited and a letter from the author/editor authorizing the reproduction must be presented.

DISCUSSION. Should be concise and focused on the interpretation of the results rather than a repetition of the Results section. The novel findings and conclusions should be highlighted and related to other published studies.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS. Collaborations not justifying a co-authorship, or contributions like critical review of the manuscript, technical help, donation of materials, etc., are recognized in this section.

BIBLIOGRAPHY. References to the literature should be cited by Arabic numbers in brackets in the text and listed in numerical order in this section. Only articles that have been published or are in press should be included in the references. Unpublished results or personal communications should be avoided, or, when needed, cited as such in the text. Abstracts should be avoided.

Journal references include: Last names and initials of the authors separated by (,); full title of the article (only the first letter of the first word should be in upper case); use abbreviations of journal titles according to the Index Medicus, as in: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/>; year of publication followed by (;); Volume, followed by (:); page numbers.

Vega KJ, Pina I, Krevsky B. Heart transplantation is associated with an increased risk for pancreatobiliary disease. *Ann Intern Med* 1996;124:980-98

Books: Last names and initials of the authors; title of the article or chapter; Last name(s) and initial(s) of the editor(s); title of the book; edition; editorial; city of publication; year; pages.

Phillips SJ, Whisnant JP. Hypertension and stroke. In: *Hypertensión: pathophysiology, diagnosis and management*. Laragh JH, Brenner BM, editors. 2nd ed. Raven Press. New York 1995; pp. 465-478.

Internet site citations: Detailed enough to allow direct search. Printed versions have priority over on line documents adding: "available in: <http://www.....> consulted (date)".

For personal communications a letter of the author should be presented to the editorial committee

Letters to the Editor dealing with comments, opinions, questions or criticisms over published articles in **Salus** must be sent to: marquezm@uc.edu.ve.