

EDITORIAL

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With great pride, the Scientific Journal of the Ceará School of Public Health presents this special edition dedicated to the work of the graduates of the EpiSUS Intermediate Training Program in Epidemiology Applied to SUS Services. This collection represents not only the culmination of a training journey, but also the materialization of the commitment of Ceará's public health professionals to applied science and the defense of life.

Under the central theme “Epidemiology Applied to the SUS: training and innovation for surveillance services in the Brazilian Northeast”, this issue highlights the transformative power of qualified training combined with practice. The articles presented reveal how the professionals trained by EpiSUS - Intermediate in Ceará have contributed to qualifying epidemiological surveillance, implementing innovative solutions and responding more effectively to the health challenges that mark our region.

The Northeast, with its rich diversity and vulnerabilities, demands public health responses that are agile, territorially sensitive and technically sound. The papers gathered here demonstrate how field epidemiology, when incorporated into service routines, enhances the SUS's ability to protect the population's health with greater equity and efficiency.

Publishing these findings is an essential step in this process. Field research that resolves a local outbreak is transformed, through scientific publication, into knowledge that can guide actions in other territories, strengthen practices and influence public policies. Each article presented here amplifies the impact of fieldwork, consolidating the local experience as a lesson that crosses borders and prepares other professionals for future challenges. The publication also values field epidemiologists as producers of scientific knowledge, ensuring that their contributions are recognized and that the technical memory of the SUS is preserved and strengthened.

More than just research reports, this edition celebrates the consolidation of a regional surveillance network strengthened by continuing education, exchange between states and the valorization of science that is born from the daily practice of health services.

By giving visibility to the contributions of EpiSUS Intermediate graduates, the Ceará School of Public Health reaffirms its commitment to excellence in health training and the development of innovative solutions that respond to the real needs of the population.

Because every controlled outbreak is a victory, but every published finding is a lesson that prepares the Northeast - and Brazil - for a more protected and fairer future.

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