


# KNOWLEDGE IN ACTION: SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AT THE SERVICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Public health research has been advancing within a context marked by rapid epidemiological transformations, persistent health challenges, and the need for increasingly agile, evidence-based responses. In this scenario, research plays a central role in strengthening policies, organizing services, and improving the living conditions of the population.

In this context, we celebrate the launch of the 2026 issue of Cadernos ESP CE, which has established itself as a strategic space for disseminating knowledge, fostering critical reflection, and recognizing successful experiences in the field of collective health. More than a repository of articles, the journal affirms itself as an instrument of dialogue among academia, health services, and public administration, contributing to the strengthening of the Brazilian Unified Health System — Sistema Único de Saúde (SUS).

The scientific knowledge produced within the field of public health is not confined to laboratories or research centers; above all, it emerges from territories, from the daily practice of health work, from active listening to communities, and from the critical analysis of practices. In this sense, the recognition of applied research, especially research conducted by professionals working within health services, represents a significant step forward in the development of contextualized, effective, and socially committed solutions.

Through this publication, the Escola de Saúde Pública do Ceará reaffirms its longstanding commitment to education, innovation, and the production of knowledge aimed at meeting the needs of the SUS. By promoting research and encouraging scientific publication, the institution strengthens not only the technical capacity of health workers, but also the autonomy and sustainability of public policies in the state of Ceará.

The 2026 issue of Cadernos ESP CE brings together contributions that express the diversity and strength of scientific production, addressing relevant topics such as primary health care, health surveillance, Permanent Health Education, management, and innovation. Each published article carries not only data and analyses, but also experiences, challenges, and lessons learned that engage directly with the realities of health services and communities.

With the launch of this new issue, we reaffirm the importance of continually investing in a culture of research, critical education, and the dissemination of scientific knowledge as pillars for strengthening the SUS. May this journal continue to serve as a space for inspiration, exchange, and collective construction, contributing to a more equitable, effective, and evidence-based public health system.

I wish everyone an enriching and inspiring reading experience.

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