Abstract:
Evidence-based health as support for decision-making in health judicialization

Background: The number of health-related lawsuits increased by 130% between 2008 and 2017. In 2016, the 10 most expensive medicines requested used 91% of technology procurement resources. In this regard, it is crucial to identify strategies for improving the judicial decision making process, ensuring that the jurisdictional arrangement is based on the best scientific evidence. The purpose of this paper is to describe a strategy for providing evidence-based support during the judicial decision-making process.

Methods: As part of the PROADI-SUS Project of the Hospital Sírio Libanês, in cooperation with the National Justice Council, actions were planned to assist members of the judiciary in decision-making in health judicialization processes. Among the actions are the elaboration of scientific technical opinions (PTCs) of the most demanded technologies by the judicial means, the creation of an online platform (e-natjus) aimed at judges and professionals who elaborate the technical notes (NTs) and in the form of tutoring to provide support in the development of NTs to the Judiciary Technical Support Centers (NATJus).

Results: Started in 2016, 60 PTCs have been held with information on efficacy and safety. Among the 10 most expensive and most requested technologies by judicial means in 2016 and 2017, the project carried out PTCs of 90% of these technologies. The platform accounted for 11,577 accesses in the year 2018 through July 2019. In 2019, the face-to-face tutoring pilot in three NATJus were rated as excellent by 90% and 80% of the participants respectively in relation to the content and applicability.

Conclusion: The e-natjus platform aims to consolidate an impartial, up-to-date, evidence-based system for judges. Also assist, through mentoring, the professionals responsible for developing NTs, so that the development of grades adopts evidence-based health, providing the judge with the most current and robust information for decision making.

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