

ABMM (Brazilian Association of Medical Women)  
Update June 2020- ABMM (Brazilian Association of Medical Women)  
Comments about COVID-19 pandemic in Brazil

Brazil is one of the epicenters of the infection currently. There is a great concern with the proportions of the pandemic in Brazil. In some of the 27 states of Brazil the situation is worse because of the greater fragility of the healthcare system. Inequality is certainly the main problem for the Brazilian population.

There is a great involvement of medical doctors and other healthcare professionals and biomedical researchers, trying to understand the pathophysiology of the infection in order to offer the best possible therapeutic approaches.

Some figures representing cases in Brazil and Europe on 95th day of the pandemic:  
Brazil: population 210.000.000 Deaths 29,000  
Six European countries (France, Italy, Spain, Belgium, Portugal and Switzerland)  
Population: 205.000.000 Deaths: 89.000.

ABMM is involved with this serious sanitary crisis, organizing online meetings every second week and several members are contributing with the expertise.

There are two links with contribution of our members:

First link is an article by Prof Magda Carneiro-Sampaio and her group: "Why is SARS-COV-2 Infection milder among children"

Second link is a presentation by Dr Nise Yamaguchi, an oncologist and immunologist, incredibly involved with treatment of COVID-19

There was also a video clip by the clinical pathologists of our executive with recommendations of the Brazilian Society of Clinical Pathology, about the test for the diagnosis of COVID-19

<https://www.clinicsjournal.com/article/why-is-sars-cov-2-infection-milder-among-children>  
<https://youtu.be/65XQJUVL1Y8>

Activities of our members:

March, 7th 2020 there was the ceremony for the tenure 2020/2022 of the new executive of ABMM and ABMM-SP. Dr Elizabeth Alexandre is the president of ABMM and Dr Ana Regina Vlainich is the president ABMM-SP. During the ceremony, Dr Francys Patrício, a member of ABMM for 45 years, and who was president and vice president of ABMM, and still very active member of our executive, received the title of Honorary Member of ABMM.

Fátima Alves, our past president, presented a very successful webinar, on Gender Medicine, for the Commission of Women of the Brazilian Society of Pediatric Neurosurgery, organized by Nelci Zanon.

Link to webinar below:

<https://youtu.be/c4syKZyY4qk>

Dr Elizabeth Alexandre, president of ABMM and a cardiologist, was one of the organizers of the Position Statement of the Brazilian Society of Cardiology about "Pregnancy and Family Planning for Women with Heart Disease"

Dr Nelci Zanon is one of the organizers of Pediatric Week sponsored by the Brazilian and the International Society of Pediatric Neurosurgery.

Our President and Past President, Elizabeth Alexandre and Fátima Alves, were registered at the virtual meeting of WHA.

Obituary: Dr Berta Lutz, 92 years, a pediatrician, and past director of ABMM. In May.

ABMM and ABMM-SP did a short video clip as a homage for Mother`s Day specially dedicated to women doctors and health workers. As in other countries, in Brazil there are more women than men working in the healthcare system during the pandemics and are more infected and they must shoulder additional responsibilities when they have young children.

I would like to express my thanks to the valuable contribution of Prof. Magda Carneiro-Sampaio and Dr Fátima Alves.

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