



Dear colleagues and friends!

This is the first issue of *The BRICS Health Journal*, dedicated to the major global political event – the 16th BRICS Summit, during which the 14th Meeting of BRICS Health Ministers will be held in Moscow in October 2024.

BRICS, a consortium of nations established in 2006, currently includes Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, with Egypt, Iran, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, and Ethiopia joined this year. The BRICS countries cover about one-third of the Earth's land surface and represent over 40% of the world's population.

Given the organization's vast scale, establishing a unified information space is critically important. The foundation of a joint medical journal is crucial, as it will serve as a platform for spreading medical knowledge in accordance with the latest global scientific advancements. We are honored with the historic mission of creating this journal!

Healthcare and medicine transcend borders. *The BRICS Health Journal* will serve as a meeting place for experts, practitioners, and researchers to share their experience in overcoming the challenges they face. The Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation and Sechenov University

play a key role in creation of *The BRICS Health Journal*. By involving a highly professional editorial team and adhering to international publishing standards, we aim to ensure our journal's high standing in the global ratings.

The BRICS Health Journal is a long-term project aimed at providing BRICS medical communities with a platform for sharing the expertise of leading experts across various fields of public health and medicine. The journal will act as a media channel, broadcasting the perspectives of the BRICS countries to a global audience.

We are confident that this new journal will bring together health experts, doctors and researchers from different continents, enabling them to make the most effective decisions – decisions that will undoubtedly save lives on our planet!

Editor-in-Chief

Minister of Health of the Russian Federation

Mikhail A. Murashko

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Murashko', with a stylized flourish at the end.



Dear colleagues!

We are pleased to present you the first issue of *The BRICS Health Journal* proposed by the Minister of Health of the Russian Federation and supported by all countries of the BRICS.

The honor of publishing this journal has been entrusted to Sechenov University. With a history spanning 266 years, the university continues to preserve and enrich the legacy of both Russian and global medical education. Numerous international specialists, fortunate enough to have studied here, proudly consider Sechenov University their Alma Mater. The university's teaching staff, which has always been the pillar of Russian medicine, generously shares invaluable experience and knowledge with young persons who have chosen the noble and responsible profession of a doctor.

Modern medical education is inextricably linked with scientific advances. To facilitate the exchange of experience and the latest achievements in medicine, and to engage young people in the scientific and publication process, Sechenov University has initiated several publishing projects. The Sechenov Medical Journal and The

National Health Care (jointly with the Ministry of Health) have already gained renown not only in Russia but also in other countries, and are indexed in the global Scopus scientific database.

The new journal – *The BRICS Health Journal* – will be led by an expert team headed by the Minister of Health of the Russian Federation, Mikhail Murashko.

We hope that the new journal will serve as a valuable platform for accumulating the most up-to-date information in global medicine, contribute to the development of healthcare and medical science, foster cooperation between the BRICS countries, and ultimately improve public health.

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