

Dissemination of medical research output during pandemic times

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Introduction

2020 brought many challenges for the scientific community and for everyone. A lot of activities were stopped or re-organised. Most research activities have continued but the scientific events and dissemination activities have been transferred to the online environment and the scientific community had to get adapted to the new work conditions.

Objective

The aim of this paper is to explore methods recently used for the dissemination of research results from medical education projects during the COVID-19 pandemic and to propose new ways of research dissemination adapted for periods of medical crisis.

Methods

An analysis of the dissemination activities already done or planned for the future period was conducted in the context of different research projects by the members of a research team based in Romania.

Results

Alternative methods of disseminating research output were explored. During online scientific events such as national and international conferences and congresses members of the research team were available for discussions with healthcare professionals and for presenting the results obtained so far in different technology-based research projects. Reaching out to medical professionals by e-mail was another effective method which helped informing about progress in research activities carried out at European level by mixed teams and disseminating relevant results.

Conclusion

New ways of disseminating the results of research in the field of medical education adapted for the special conditions experienced by the medical and scientific community during 2020 proved efficient and even better in terms of reaching more professionals and are considered for future use even under normal conditions.

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