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## Editorial Charter Carta Editorial

Scientific progress represents great benefits for humanity, since it allows us to have access to new resources, optimize existing ones and reduce potential risks, always seeking to improve the quality of life.

Dignity has a supreme and absolute value; therefore, it must be safeguarded in all acts of the human being. Hence, following Kantian thought, the person will always be an end in itself and never a means.

The Mexican Bioethics Review has always represented a space for reflection and dissemination of bioethical knowledge and this issue is no exception. The present issue addresses various topics that, in themselves, have a transcendence in the world of ethics applied to the life sciences. Within its content, aspects related to medical practice during the COVID-19 pandemic are addressed, where professionals face situations that are not always optimal for the practice of their profession. Therefore, it also includes an article that refers to ethical aspects both in the practice and in the field of health research. Likewise, the ethical and bioethical implications of the care of elderly people suffering from Parkinson's disease are taken up again. On the other hand, a reflection on conscientious objection is presented, as a means to ensure respect for the principle of autonomy of health personnel, without undermining the protection of the patient's dignity. Likewise, the elderly population, in addition to having a higher incidence of chronic diseases, must face declines and losses that make older adults more susceptible to isolation, so the impact of social support on the quality of life in these individuals is analyzed.

Finally, this work would not be possible without the work of the editorial and scientific committee team, for which I acknowledge and thank them for their constant willingness. I extend my thanks to the authors for placing their trust in this means of disseminating knowledge.

"Love, order and progress".

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