Letters to the Director

Reply A. Oliveira Soares

T is always rewarding to those who write to realize that someone read their writings. In the case of my colleague Fernando Guimaraes assessment to a set of papers of mine in Internal Medicine, the joy is potentiated by the fairness while appreciating the intent which compelled me to write each and every one of such works, and by the wide conceptual sharing on medical practice that clearly is implied in his kind approach with an obvious critical sincerity.

Two details:

I do agree that the conditions of professional practice make very difficult to apply systematically a rigorous clinical approach starting with a thorough anamnesis. However, I think it is our duty to give the best of our effort in such sense. It is not good to give up before having tried the right path and it is wonderful to end each working day happy with what has been done.

I do like that regarding myself the adjective "quixotic" has occurred to him, for several reasons, among them is that I have spent my entire life fighting dragons and windmills for my Dulcinea, Medicine.

With my warmest wishes for your kind attention, Dr Fernando Guimaraes!