

## ■ BIREME

The Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information, also known by its original name Regional Library of Medicine (*Biblioteca Regional de Medicina* – BIREME), was established in 1967, and is a specialized Center in health information of the Pan American Health Organization / World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO).

## ■ PAHO/WHO

PAHO/WHO was established in 1902 and is the oldest international health organization in the world. Dedicated to improve the health conditions of the American countries, it functions as the Regional Office for the Americas of the World Health Organization (WHO). PAHO/WHO is also part of the systems of the Organization of American States (OAS) and the United Nations Organization (UN).

## ■ REASONS TO USE BIREME'S PRODUCTS AND SERVICES:

- ◆ BIREME has more than 50 years of tradition, knowledge and experience in health science information management.
- ◆ It is a not-for-profit specialized international Center, which aims to improve the health of the people of the Americas.
- ◆ It is part of PAHO/WHO, the oldest international health organization in the world.
- ◆ It has solid partnerships with government and academic institutions.
- ◆ It offers innovative information products and services that follow international standards and state-of-the-art information methodologies and technologies.
- ◆ Provides access to up-to-date, reliable and relevant content.

## ■ PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

### VHL - Virtual Health Library

The VHL facilitates access and provides visibility to a wide collection of health information sources through Regional, National and Thematic Portals (Instances) that apply the VHL Model of health information management.  
[bvshalud.org](http://bvshalud.org)

### Global Index Medicus (GIM)

Biomedical and public health literature produced by and within low-middle income countries.  
[globalindexmedicus.net](http://globalindexmedicus.net)

### VHL Network

Libraries that apply the VHL Model for the development of VHL instances (Portals) in a country, region, thematic area or institution.  
[red.bvshalud.org](http://red.bvshalud.org)

### My VHL

Custom service for organizing and storing documents according to the user's profile and area of interest, available on the web and as a mobile app.  
[platserv.bvshalud.org](http://platserv.bvshalud.org)

### LILACS - Latin American and Caribbean Literature on Health Sciences

The main and most wide-ranging database of scientific and technical literature in health published in LA&C countries. It indexes journals, books, theses, technical reports, and other types of documents.  
[lilacs.bvshalud.org](http://lilacs.bvshalud.org)

### Health Science Descriptors (DeCS/MeSH)

A thesaurus of Health Science Terminology in Portuguese, Spanish, English and French.  
[decs.bvshalud.org](http://decs.bvshalud.org)

### e-BlueInfo

Mobile app that provides health practice information for health professionals at the palm of their hands.  
[e-blueinfo.bvshalud.org](http://e-blueinfo.bvshalud.org)

### Windows of Knowledge

A service that brings together, organizes and highlights selected information from the VHL and other sources of information, which are relevant for priority health issues.  
[bvshalud.org/post\\_vitrines](http://bvshalud.org/post_vitrines)

### Evidence Map

Graphical representation of the evidence that exists in a particular area, classified by types of evaluated interventions and measured results. It has a dual function: to synthesize the available evidence and to identify knowledge gaps.  
[mtci.bvshalud.org/mapas-de-evidencia](http://mtci.bvshalud.org/mapas-de-evidencia)

### PIE

Collection of documents that contribute to policy decision-making processes, based on the best available scientific evidence.  
[sites.bvshalud.org/pie](http://sites.bvshalud.org/pie)

### BIGG

International database of guides, protocols and clinical guidelines that apply the GRADE system for evidence assessment.  
[sites.bvshalud.org/bigg](http://sites.bvshalud.org/bigg)

### VHL InfoButton

Service that recovers scientific evidence that is available in the VHL related to the context of the patient's clinical history.

### BRISA

Regional Base of Health Technology Assessment Reports of the Americas.  
[sites.bvshalud.org/redetsa/brisa](http://sites.bvshalud.org/redetsa/brisa)

### LEYES

Health legislation in LA&C countries.  
[sites.bvshalud.org/legislacion](http://sites.bvshalud.org/legislacion)

### REA

Open educational resources in health sciences  
[sites.bvshalud.org/rea/bireme](http://sites.bvshalud.org/rea/bireme)

### In-person and online courses

Training opportunities in information management, knowledge management, access and use of information and scholarly communication in health, through in-person courses and online courses available in the Virtual Campus for Public Health (*Campus Virtual de Saúde Pública*).  
[www.campusvirtualsp.org](http://www.campusvirtualsp.org)

### CRICS

Regional Congress on Health Sciences Information (CRICS).  
[crics10.org](http://crics10.org)