



## BIREME

Latin American and Caribbean Center  
on Health Sciences Information

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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).

### ■ WHAT DOES BIREME DO?

BIREME organizes, facilitates and promotes access to scientific and technical information products and services in health.

### ■ WHAT MOTIVATES BIREME?

BIREME helps to improve information, research and education systems in health in Latin American and Caribbean countries (LA&C) and supports the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda (SDGs) and the Sustainable Health Agenda for the Americas (ASSA 2030), which are objectives defined by the Member States.

### ■ WHO BENEFITS?

All of society benefits from BIREME's products and services, although its main target are students, professors, researchers, professionals, decision-makers, scientific editors, library science professionals, science and information technology professionals that work both in the health area and in other sectors.

### ■ HOW DOES BIREME WORK?

Through collaborative work and a network consisting of health institutions from LA&C countries, including health ministries, libraries, health and research institutions, PAHO/WHO Collaborating Centers, information technology institutions and some institutions from countries outside the Region.

### ■ 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.

