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### PURSUIT OF LIGHT

It is no coincidence that the three largest monotheistic religions on the planet relate light to the beginning of the universe, creation, the big bang as we like to think centuries later. If we were to err on the side of exegetes, we could postulate that they actually share their sacred books, fundamentally in relation to genesis. But this conception of light as the foundational event of the universe is typical of other even older religions. The subsequent act of linking it to knowledge is done more or less explicitly in different cultures and civilizations, finding in Hinduism a beautiful example when Brahma with his mind creates the entire universe. Throughout history, humanity has always known how to value that valuable gift of knowledge, represented almost always by light. It is enough to remember the example of Prometheus, who paid dearly for his audacity to teach man to make fire, with which he ensured light and heat, previously divine prerogatives. This search for light has accompanied us since the dawn of time, and in the field of health has had notable representatives in Hippocrates of Cos, in Ancient Greece; the yellow emperor, Huangdi in China; Celsus and Galen in Ancient Rome, Ibn Sina in Mesopotamia; with glittering golden eras and dark centuries of obscurantism. The organization of medical knowledge, in the rigor of a scientific discipline has been much more recent in our history, but has marked a significant change in the expectation and quality of life of humanity. Today we live longer and better, largely because of the advances of that tireless search for knowledge.

On behalf of the Medical Career, of Universidad Privada del Este, President Franco, and fulfilling our institutional motto: "Wisdom is freedom", it is for me a true historical privilege, to present to the community this first issue of our scientific journal, which seeks to contribute humbly to the tireless search for knowledge, structured and rigorous, in order to join the long list of seekers of knowledge that preceded us and the countless that it sees.

With no more to add, fiat lux!