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Scope

Clínica Contemporánea is the first online only open access journal published by Colegio Oficial de Psicólogos de Madrid. It aims at providing with a new framework for the expression and dissemination of our professional work, where we can share our clinical and therapeutical practice, as well as the theory underlying it.

Clínica Contemporánea is a peer review clinical practice journal, unique as it covers the gap of scientific publication between empirical research and clinical practice. Specifically aimed at Spanish speaking practitioners all over the world, and open to the different theoretical models settled in our discipline, it has a plural, international Editorial Board that reflects this theoretical diversity and the different areas of intervention within the field. The journal intends to offer a space for original works that account for the broad spectrum of psychotherapeutic practice, always meeting the strict scientific criteria for scholarly articles.

The journal's main goals are:

- To promote theoretical-practical reflection by catalyzing critical analysis and scientific discussion in the field of psychotherapy.
- To contribute to the dissemination of work experiences from a clinical and therapeutical point of view, as well as from a technical and theoretical one.
- To foster communication between Spanish speaking professionals in the fields of diagnosis, psychotherapy and health.

We accept original works that present theoretical contributions and practical experiences in psychology in the areas of assistance, evaluation, prevention and health promotion, from different approaches and interventional perspectives carried out both in public and private spheres. Works can be submitted in Spanish always rigorously meeting the scientific publishing format criteria.

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