

**COMPARATIVE STUDY OF SUBSCRIPTIONS IN**

**THREE SPANISH HOSPITALS**

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**OBJECTIVE**

We are presenting a comparative study on the subscription prices of printed and electronic journals in three Spanish hospitals during 2002.

**MATERIALS AND METHODS**

We analyzed the subscription prices of 75 journals of the Brandon's List collections in the 33 libraries of the Hospital de Cruces (HC), Hospital de Cruces (HC) and Hospital de Cruces (HC) and the Hospital Juan Canaleja in a County (HJC), and 4 Spanish journals included in Medline.

Journal	Subscription	Subscription	Subscription	Rate
HC	100	100	100	100
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The HC's JIV maintains their international and Spanish subscription with Elsevier, while the HJC maintains its international subscription with Elsevier and the Spanish journals with the Spanish distributor Dinet de España. As to the payment of the services offered they vary according to the rates of the services in each case.

- HC = General payments
- HJC = 20% cash payments, 20% in two instalments
- JIV = General payments

\*The HC is included in a tender contract on the acquisition of magazines from the Spanish Health Service (Sistema de Salud) which groups together 18 hospitals.

**RESULTS**

The number of journal titles that coincide with the Brandon's list in the three hospitals is 75.

This includes the Spanish magazines. The subscription prices are as follows:

International	Spanish	Access to	Access to
HC	10,000.00	100.00	1
HJC	10,000.00	100.00	1
HC	10,000.00	100.00	1

**CONCLUSIONS**

Availability of the rates applied in three libraries by the same supplier, independent of the fact that:

The subscription corresponds to a single contract (HC, HJC, JIV)

The subscriptions are done in a centralized manner (HC = 18 hospitals of the Cruces)

A scaled economy for grouped acquisitions is not done in three cases.

The centralized acquisitions do not have repercussions on the reduction of the subscription costs, which are managed through a single distributor.

The subscription of Spanish magazines increases when carried out through a centralized distributor.

The financing expenses established in the rates of the contracts are the only evidence that vary in different prices among the three centers.

In the three libraries, access rate information is available in their number and latency of the journals that are offered.