

New challenges of the Colombian nephrology

Nuevos retos de la nefrología colombiana

The Colombian Association of Nephrology and Arterial Hypertension, since the legalization of new statutes by the Chamber of Commerce of Bogotá, has become a scientific and union-based organization that assumes its mission objective by instituting as an organized civil society. This establishes, so to speak, on the area of social science, and is made up of different people with a civic view, that act collectively in the public sphere to make decisions concerning all citizens outside government structures.

It is the civil societies, NGOs, professional associations, clubs, religious communities, etc., that is, the civil society is, in principle, created in order to make decisions in political matters that, one way or another, affect government behaviors.

It is the citizens materializing their wishes collectively to achieve the satisfaction of individual interests. It is a challenge, its organization is an instrument of action and unity. A civil society is, indeed, the encouraging example of a democracy in evolution because, after all, it is this which decides the fate of people, and faces the future. This is the actual strength of democracy, the product of unity, perseverance, desire of the individual that materializes in a community. All in all, a civil society organization is actually one of the ideas of democracy exemplifying a better future. It is basically the search for everyone's satisfaction and happiness.

Because of all of this, dear colleagues, the Colombian Association of Nephrology and Arterial Hypertension, publicly declared as a private, participatory and democratic entity, similar to a Non-Governmental Organization, will exercise a civic supervision on health, according to the applicable law, especially in regard to the expertise in diagnosis and management of renal pathology and arterial hypertension; and regarding the projects of amendment and regulation of the legislation of the sector; it will be the spokesperson and representative of its members, and will be governed by the laws of the Republic of Colombia and the present statutes for the welfare of citizens.

That is our identity, and that this comes true in order to build a better Colombia is in our hands.

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