Thirteen Years’ Experience With Partial Superficial Parotidectomy as Treatment for Benign Parotid Tumours

Dear Sir,

In the article by Francisco J. García-Purriños (from Hospital del Mar Menor, Murcia, Spain), the "Material and Methods" section reads "From the anatomical pathology records, we selected all patients with definitive positive biopsy for benign tumour of the parotid gland, from 1 January 1995 to 31 December 2005, to keep track of the evolution of patients for a minimum of 3 years. Of these, we extracted those patients with pleomorphic adenoma (PA) and Warthin’s tumour (WT). As an additional inclusion criterion, patients should have undergone a review in the past year. Patients who had not been reviewed were asked to attend consultation".

We wish to note the following:

1. That, as of today (11 March 2011), the ENT-Head/Neck Pathology Service of Hospital del Mar Menor (Murcia) has not started its surgical activity.
2. That, according to the Human Resources Department at the Hospital de Hellín (Albacete), Dr. García-Purriños worked there from 27 February 1995 until 7 February 2010.
3. That, from the above information, it follows that the case studies contained in the article mentioned were obtained from Hospital de Hellín, which is not indicated as a source, as we believe it would be.

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Work Carried Out in the Hospital de Hellín. In Reply

Dear Sir,

In February 2010, I began working at Hospital del Mar Menor (San Javier, Murcia). Until that time, I had worked at Hospital de Hellín (Hellín, Albacete). Consequently, I was working at Hospital del Mar Menor at the time that I sent the final review for publication of the article in question. Not knowing what location should be stated as workplace, I turned to the Vancouver standards,1 whose section on title pages indicates that the following should be mentioned: "the name of each author, with their highest academic rank and workplace", which apparently solved my doubts.

Nevertheless, had I taken the time to read all the rules in their entirety, I would later have found out that the following must also be stated: "the name of the department and institution to which the work should be attributed".

Therefore, I wish to thank the authors of the letter for the opportunity that they have granted me to clarify this issue: the work was carried out entirely at Hospital de Hellín. This I hereby note, reiterating my gratitude to the mentioned authors for their accurate and appropriate criticism, while placing Hospital de Hellín in the place it deserves.

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