

primary studies of test accuracy to improve our ability to predict spontaneous preterm birth.

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Corrections and clarifications

Prolonged erections produced by dihydrocodeine and sildenafil

In the penultimate paragraph of this "Drug point" by David Goldmeier and Harpal Lamba (29 June, p 1555) we wrongly edited out "we suggest that." The sentence should read: "We suggest that the acute opiate intake in our patients on sildenafil produced abnormally high cyclic guanosine monophosphate concentrations in peripheral nerve endings, which resulted in prolonged erections even after orgasm."

Obituary

In the obituary of Richard Dyer Mudd (15 June, p 1458) we wrongly spelt the name of his son in law, John McHale. It was correct in the original draft, but unfortunately, the electronic spellcheck facility suggested changing this to Michele, and we clicked on OK by mistake. Our apologies.

Exponent of "male menopause" censured by GMC

We wrongly stated at the start of this news article by Owen Dyer (13 July, p 65) that Dr Malcolm Carruthers, who was censured by the General Medical Council for serious medical misconduct, prescribed male hormones over the internet. He did not; he suggested prescriptions for GPs to fill.

10-minute consultation: Paraesthesia

In this article by Badal Pal (22 June, p 1501), a late proofreading slip led to a word being wrongly inserted into the title of the accompanying box. The title should read: "Investigations [not "Phalen's investigations"] for paraesthesia in fingers and hand."

Consumption of seafood and preterm delivery

When we scanned Yasuo Ishida's faxed letter "Method of cooking should be named" into our electronic system, two errors were introduced but not noticed (25 May, p 1279). In one case, a letter was wrongly inserted, and in the other a number dropped off. The sentence "Or [are we to] eat raw sashimi with snake?" should have read "with sake" (the Japanese fermented alcoholic drink made from rice). The correct zipcode for the author has a 7 in it (MO 63117).