

International official mechanism for discovering fraudulent studies is needed for protecting patients at risk

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Adam Marcus wrote an article entitled “A scientist’s fraudulent studies put patients at risk” (1), The described risk is a tip of the iceberg. All medical doctors must update their expert knowledge and should share their renewed ones with colleagues. International organizations or governments should play a key role in sharing new medical information between medical doctors and patients for protecting patients at risk. Promoting sharing the latest medical information is not only for patients but also for you or your loved ones in the future. Patients must be always aware of their risks through medical treatments whether attending medical doctors have the latest information or not. We must also understand that the conventional technology or current knowledge may be replaced with a new technology or knowledge in the near future (2). In other words, the current medical knowledge is tentative and is not permanently correct since it may be changed or updated tomorrow. It is also important for us to discover fraudulent studies as soon as possible in order to disturb spreading incorrect medical information in the world. The international official mechanism for discovering fraudulent studies is needed for protecting patients at risk.

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