Continuing the Discussion About the Special Issue on Clinical Reasoning: A Response to Elizabeth Cara

I am delighted to hear that Elizabeth Cara found the Special Issue on Clinical Reasoning (November 1991) both interesting and informative, as stated in her letter in the May 1992 Letters to the Editor column (“Issue on Clinical Reasoning Lacks Papers on Mental Health,” p. 472). Cara raised some concerns regarding the lack of citations from the area of psychology. Please note that many authors, particularly from the field of cognitive developmental psychology, were referenced in numerous articles. For example, Gilligan, Perry, Gardner, Kegan, Belenky, Clanchy, Goldberger, Tarule, Coles, Bruner, Luria, Sternberg, Hammond, and Greeno all represent the field of psychology. They have informed our thinking in a major way and have served as a foundation for the novice-to-expert continuum.

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Correction


In the author identification on page 653, the academic degrees were listed incorrectly. The correct academic degrees are PhD, NCSWW, OTR, FAOTA. In addition, the Colman reference on p. 659 that is dated 1990 should read, “Colman, W. (1992). Maintaining autonomy: The struggle between occupational therapy and physical medicine. American Journal of Occupational Therapy, 46, 63-70.” The AJOT editorial staff regrets these errors and hopes readers were not inconvenienced.

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