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Dear Dr. Ornato:

A copy of your letter to Dr. Henry Heimlich dated August 23, 1985 has been given to me. Your discussion of my paper, "A Case Report: The Heimlich Maneuver," Emergency, October 1981, pp. 45-47, requires my response.

In the paper I state the child was intubated. The radiologist's written report for the portable chest X-Ray taken after my single intubation in the Emergency Department states that the endotrachea tube was in the trachea and that a separate nasal gastric tube was in the esophagus. Physicians attending the child in the ICU used the single intubation which I established in the Emergency Department.

Contrary to your conclusions, this paper did receive peer review prior to publication in Emergency. Reviewers included Professor James M. Fattu, M.D., Ph.D, FACP, of the Department of Internal Medicine at Indiana University, who specializes in pulmonary medicine.

The Editor of Emergency obtained additional written reviews and provided them to me as part of the peer review process. I used these reviews in preparing the final manuscript. Furthermore, the paper has been discussed in the literature.

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You should have telephoned or written to me for this information, discussed it with me at the AHA July meeting in Dallas, or invited me to discuss it at the Dallas meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edward A. Patrick".

Edward A. Patrick, M.D., Ph.D
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