

Dear All

It is important that I clarify the facts around the article published last weekend in the Sydney Morning Herald.

It is true that two years ago in a closed Facebook group, I characterised my visits to adjust newborns and their mothers in Melbourne hospitals as "sneaky". Such a characterisation was an error in judgment on my behalf.

On the occasions that I had visited a mother or baby in hospital, the visits have been prompted by a call from either a distressed mother, or a midwife on the mother's behalf. If the mother herself had made the request, I always asked that the midwife be informed about my attendance. I have always been specifically instructed by the midwife to visit during normal visiting time, and I have ensured that I adhered to this timeslot.

Collaboration within the healthcare space has always been of utmost importance to me and I have always respected all health professionals for the specific skills they bring to each health interaction.

Yours Sincerely,



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