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Dear Sir or Madame,

I am a physician with many years of clinical experience, currently completing a specialization in medical rehabilitation. I have had the pleasure of working as a physician and educator at the Clinic of Rehabilitation at the Medical University of Gdansk for the last 10 years. I work with doctors from l’Association des physiatres du Quebec Canada, where I have held a number of internships. I also graduated with a bachelor’s degree in economics at the University of Ottawa.

During my numerous consultations in my ward as well as in the pediatric ward I had the chance with an interdisciplinary team to develop an innovative approach for the treatment of arthrogryposis.

I would like to present to you an article which proposes a concurrent operation by various specialists in a case study of a male child with arthrogryposis, micro-retrognathia and epilepsy (as a complication of perinatal hypoxia). The aim of this study is to present a multi-disciplinary rehabilitation procedure for children with full-blown forms of arthrogryposis as well as perinatal hypoxia.

In conclusion, early and continuous rehabilitation combined with multidisciplinary treatments in infancy positively and significantly affects the prognosis for the achievement of a vertical or sitting position in the case of a child with severe arthrogryposis. Also it significantly reduces the risk of burdensome and multistage surgical treatments. Rehabilitation is therefore a primary treatment for this disease.

I would like to share with you and the honorable medical group observations on the therapeutic process for arthrogryposis. My belief in the necessity for the publication of this article and innovativeness of the method is confirmed by the lack of reports in the world press as well as the enthusiastic cooperation of the professors Bakula and Kowalski.

In hope of a favorable consideration and the publishing of our work,

Yours sincerely,

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