

## Notice of retraction: plagiarism in "Common colds. Causes, potential cures, and treatment" (*Can Fam Physician* 1993;39:2215-20)

The editors of *Canadian Family Physician* want to notify readers of a retraction of the article "Common colds. Causes, potential cures, and treatment," by Dr Saroea, published in 1993.<sup>1</sup> It has come to the attention of the editors that this article is substantially similar to the article "Managing viral upper respiratory tract infections" by Dr Del Mar, published in *Australian Family Physician* in 1991.<sup>2</sup> An internal investigation has raised sufficient concerns about plagiarism; as such, we retract this article from the literature in accordance with guidelines and best editorial practices from the Committee on Publication Ethics.<sup>3</sup>

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