

remind our patients that doing nothing is sometimes the best thing, and to also find ways to ensure that they are receptive to that message.

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#### Competing interests

None declared

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## Physicians receiving gifts

Further to Dr Ladouceur's editorial,<sup>1</sup> I have 42 pairs of thick wool socks of every colour, with pointed toes like the Grinch—gifts from a patient, 2 pairs per year.

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## Correction

In the article "Falls in the elderly. Spectrum and prevention," published in the July 2011 issue of *Canadian Family Physician*,<sup>1</sup> some of the author's affiliations were inadvertently omitted. The biographical information should have read as follows:

Dr Al-Aama is Adjunct Professor in the Division of Geriatric Medicine in the Department of Medicine at the University of Western Ontario in London, an internist and geriatrician at St Joseph's Health Centre and London Health Sciences Centre in Ontario, and Assistant Professor at King Abdulaziz University Jeddah Saudi Arabia.

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