Out of Order Causes Confusion

After my editorial, “Out of the opioid fog: A personal perspective” (Willens, 2006) was published in the September issue, I promptly received e-mails from Chris Pasero and Margo McCaffery. They objected to what I thought was reflecting on my own experience when I wrote “how do people with chronic pain function and do they drive under the influence of opioids?” Chris and Margo felt that I may possibly be misleading the readers and that I should have reviewed the literature.

Chris and Margo have long championed for improved pain management and have much more experience than I do how readers may take what is in an editorial as fact. I asked them if they wanted to write a letter to the editor expressing their concerns and we could use that as a means of correcting any misconceptions. I tried as hard as I could to have that letter to the editor and was told that it was too late to publish it in the December issue. Therefore my editorial, “Is anyone out there?” (Willens, 2006), was not completely understood. Chris and Margo received many e-mails questioning this. I encourage everyone to read the Letters to the Editor in this issue and hopefully understand the chronology of Chris and Margo’s letter.

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Erratum
It is with regret that the authors of an article published in the December 2006 (Pain Management Nursing 2006; 7:134-147) issue did not have their names appear with the title. Readers will find the article, Authorized and Unauthorized (“PCA by Proxy”) Dosing of Analgesic Infusion Pumps: Position Statement with Clinical Practice Recommendations reprinted in this issue.