

by encouraging the use of WSWM, but it is another instruction that is given, with minimal input from the literature to provide support for the use of WSWM.

## SUMMARY

As mentioned briefly in the first of these articles, the delivery of the advice, instructions and protocols that are provided to patients is as important as the content of what is delivered. Only this holistic approach can ensure that the requirements of consent within the profession are met,<sup>43</sup> and patients are given the information they want and need.

As clinicians there is a responsibility to not only realise and be aware of what should be advised/not advised, what instructions to provide and which protocol to follow, but there must also be recognition of where this information has been derived and its relative reliability. A sound knowledge of this information, coupled with a thorough and meticulous history and examination, will aid clinical decision-making, enable appropriate consent to be gained and help support patients who have questions or wish to request information in relation to their healthcare.

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## Corrigendum

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*Pre- and postoperative management techniques. Before and after. Part 1: medical morbidities*

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