

Dear Dr. Piovella,

HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL.

Yesterday, I received an unrequested, disturbing e-mail from a megalomaniac, showing off colleague, such a Barbara Parolini, who claims having a super scientific/surgical professional profile.

Apart from a serious unethical, immoral and anti democratic way of getting in touch with a colleague to influence his vote, the claimant boasts her professionalism by " _blowing her own trumpet_ " by means of a number of articles that, even if published, have not changed the established clinical/surgical know-how. In other words, her articles have added something to the body of knowledge, but have not moved the edge of it forward. That is "nothing special".

As to her surgical skills, she claims deliriously being a fantastic surgeon without giving proper evidence about that. In England, each and every Consultant surgeon must prove objectively through a periodic, independent *AUDIT* assessment process, regulated by either a "designated body" or a "person specification" that their surgical skills are _within_ , _below_ or _above_ a standard. Without an official "AUDIT", any statement released by anyone is just "empiric blathering".

I hope that pure, genuine, scientists who put science's interest before their own ego will not be disturbed any further nor any more.

Sincerely

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