

Dr. Sayegh and colleagues respond to Dr. Kerr

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We thank Dr. Kerr for his interest in our recent article (1) and we would like to make the following comments in response: It is true that the method of reduction which is described in the article published by Janecki and Shahcheragh (2) uses a slightly different technique to position the arm in the same final position as the FARES method prior to reduction. However, there are some other differences between the two methods as well. The application of continuous vertical oscillation on the arm with the FARES method (as a means to achieve muscle relaxation) is one. The need to internally rotate the arm with gentle pressure applied to the humeral head by the surgeon's thumb in cases of incomplete reduction with the forward elevation method is another (2). Last but not least is the use of medication in a substantial number of patients, before attempting reduction with the forward elevation method. Nevertheless, as far as the last difference is concerned, it is our feeling that the forward elevation method as well could certainly be applied without the use of medication. Regardless of any differences between the two methods and the fact that the original Milch method (3) is cited and discussed in our article, we recognize that the forward elevation method, as presented by Janecki and Shahcheragh, should probably have been cited as well. We apologize for this.

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