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Dear Dr. Baker,

Several weeks ago I read your letter to the editor of the New York Times, *Limits on Knee Surgery*. I simply want you to know that I greatly respect your presentation of the reality of knee joint repair. As the president of The TMJ Association, I have talked with far too many patients who have had 4, 14, 34, 45 jaw joint procedures. The woman in our database who had the greatest number of jaw surgeries died at the age of 41 after her 62nd surgery. With that in mind, it was certainly refreshing to see the President of the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine present a realistic picture of the limits of joint repair, but even more impressive, be willing to express those limitations to the patient.

Sincerely,

Terrie Cowley
President