

# Letter to the Editor

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## Graduate Education in Medical Informatics

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*To the Editor:*—I read with interest the article by Patton and Reed on medical informatics education published in the November/December issue of the Journal.<sup>1</sup> I was particularly struck by this statement in the Discussion section: “No detailed reports addressing the fate of medical informatics graduates in the United States have been published.” I personally know of two studies that investigated medical informatics education and characteristics of graduates.<sup>2-4</sup> Although these other studies looked at medical informatics education from slightly different perspectives, I believe that they would be of interest to any of our readers who are pursuing similar investigations.—  
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## ERRATUM

### Incorrect Reference

In the acknowledgments to the paper entitled “Personalized Health Care and Business Success: Can Informatics Bring Us to the Promised Land?” (Sep/Oct 1999),<sup>1</sup> reference 8—the source given for the Venn diagram on which Figure 2 was based—is incorrect. The actual source of that diagram is:

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