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## SHAME, SHAME, SHAME, and SHAME Again!!

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**S**hame on the co-editors of the *Hair Transplant Form International*, my good friends and respected colleagues Drs. Dow Stough and Russell Knudsen, for allowing the *Forum* to have disrespectful articles published by anonymous authors. I am referring specifically to "The Dissector" section, and quite frankly I do not know of any other professional newsletter that would allow the type of insulting and derogatory comments on scalp reduction, which were published in the May/June and July/August issues, to be published without identifying the author(s). It is a free country and I respect "Freedom of Speech," but there are laws against "Hate Literature" for a good reason. To relate only the negatives of scalp reduction in the first "Dissector" article and refer to the physician as "Dr. Mouse" a "three-scalp reduction specialist. Ha, Ha, Ha." is totally disrespectful. Similarly, comments like "Man!!!! What were you guys thinking??" etc., with reference to scalp reduction in the second article is equally insulting. If the author(s) wants to insult the procedure and the many respected physicians who carry out the operation, like our current President, Dr. Daniel Rouso, our immediate Past President, Dr. Sheldon Kabaker, and many others like myself, let them at least have the civility and courage to identify themselves. It's one thing to

discuss presenters talking too long at meetings or an opinion on follicular unit transplanting anonymously, which I also disagree with, but it is totally improper, irresponsible, and unacceptable to have the *Forum* used for the sole purpose of insulting the scalp reduction procedure and the respected physicians affiliated with it, in an anonymous fashion. Anonymous gifts to charity are wonderful and praiseworthy; any-

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ymous medical authors have no place in the field of medicine, particularly hair restoration surgery where dollars sometime have a more important role than good judgment.

Shame on the vocal minority of physicians who for years have bad-mouthed scalp reduction procedures and promoted false information. We are all aware that abuse and overuse of any

surgical procedure, including scalp reduction, can have negative effects and cause problems. Complications such as wide or depressed scars, distortion of the hair direction, stretch atrophy or "stretch-back" of the scalp, and thinning of the donor area, have all been used

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