

Exercises in Plain Writing

1. Any behavior incented must advantage the organization.
2. The data cannot adequately depict this information.
3. This discussion is confined to the clinical milieu because this observation emanates from this interface.
4. The aim of this article is a presentation at this point in time of a summary overview of the pharmaceutical substances most commonly used in an effort to render treatment and achieve prevention of psychological disorders.
5. This type of recruitment refers to activities implemented in candidates' residential, employment, and educational settings.
6. The primary examination of the unconscious patient requires a multidisciplinary approach on the part of the physician treating this emergency. Inasmuch as patients are not able to provide input to the physician, the determinants of critical importance must be ascertained by immediate examination and evaluation. The initial and most important lifesaving maneuver is to establish that the airway is open and that the patient is able to breath comfortably.
7. The foregoing numerical depiction does not capture the additional rise in complexity of protocol content. [previous sentence reported the number of laboratory procedures performed]

Sources:

Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 5 are from papers submitted to *Academic Medicine*.
No. 4 was adapted from *Substance and Style*, by Mary Stoughton (Alexandria, VA: Editorial Experts, 1989), p. 286.
No. 6 is from *Breathing Life into Medical Writing* by Anitra Peebles Sheen (Mosby, 1982; out of print), p. 44.
No. 7 [shown separately] is adapted from a sentence that won the 1987 "New Year's Day Dishonor List" of words or phrases to be banned from English (Lake Superior State College).