

In his latter years he mellowed a bit and became increasingly retrospective. He was feverishly proud of his curriculum vitae, which included over 150 publications, of which he was the senior author of over one third. However, as he became more physically frail, he more and more treasured his relationship with his beautiful wife Annabel, and with his children and grandchildren. He was thrilled that his two grown children, Eric and Lara, his six step-children, Ana Isabel, Jorge Juan, Debra, James, Barbara, Terri, Dieter and Susanna, and his grandson Sebastian all came to Puerto Rico to celebrate his 80th birthday.

In a reflective and apologetic tone, two years ago he sent me a 'tongue-in-cheek' research proposal to be submitted to the IRB at Women & Infants Hospital. He hypothesized that prolonged gestation adversely affected the intellectual development of male fetuses, making them more confrontational and oppositional, and less intelligent than females due to prolonged exposure to testosterone *in utero*. Although his body experienced an inexorable, predictable decline with age, his ironical sense of humor never failed him. Just before he died he sent me a note on his personal stationery, announcing that he was dedicating the rest of his professional life to publishing information that would contradict US standards of care.

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