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REPLY

We thank Dr. de Lotbinière for his interest in our article and for sharing his personal experience with both LINAC and gamma knife radiosurgery. We certainly agree with his conclusion that the gamma knife offers advantages over LINAC systems, especially for irregularly shaped targets such as acoustic neuromas. Fractionated stereotactic radiotherapy is appealing in theory, and the preliminary reports look promising, especially in terms of cranial nerve toxicity. But this technology must be considered experimental at the present time. We were aware of efforts by the neurosurgical team to obtain a gamma knife for the Montreal Neurological Institute many years ago. The inclusion of this historical vignette about these forward looking individuals is quite appropriate.

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