

# Opinion

## Opinião

Dear editors,

The authors of the article “Pitfalls in Vascular imaging when brain death is suspected: multidetector computed tomography as a complementary tool” (Arq Neuropsiquiatr 2014;72:473-474) are to be warmly congratulated. The team of the Unit of Neuroradiology of the *Santa Casa de Misericórdia de São Paulo* has confirmed, in an elegant and less invasive way, our demonstration, for the first time in world literature, 45 years ago (Brock M, et al: Cerebral Blood Flow and

Cerebral Death, Acta Neurochir 1969;20:195-209), with the help of intracarotid Injection of radioactive isotopes (Xe 133), that no blood enters the brain in cases of brain death. The method now used by the team of Dr. Rocha deserves wide international diffusion, mainly taking into account that most departments confronted with verifying brain death around the world dispose of the adequate equipment.

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