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Fighting with facts

This is a response to the April 7 letter concerning Ruth Sheehan's column about **Lisa Price**, our recently retired executive director of North Carolinians Against Gun Violence.

It is easy to say various "studies" show that more restrictions on gun ownership/use do or do not reduce gun violence. For example, the banning of handguns in Great Britain and Washington is frequently used in a statistical war of words by those for the bans and those against. Where do we find these "studies" that are used to justify differing advocacy positions?

It is difficult and time consuming to verify the validity of information on the Internet. The following Web sites are our suggestions for those who want to research gun injuries and deaths that are evidence-based and public-health oriented.

- www.NEJM.org will lead to the April 3 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine that has three articles covering gun violence from the perspective of public health, gun regulation and constitutional law.

- www.bradycampaign.org is the URL for the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.

- www.gunpolicy.org provides very comprehensive public health-oriented information on gun violence around the world.

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