Life in These Parts...

Recently Gov. Cayetano proposed fluoridation of our water supply...and Council person Rene Mansho voiced opposition...The issue brought back memories of 30 years ago when HMA joined Manuel Kau (chief, State Dental Officer) in proposing state wide fluoridation...Our chief opponent was “Doctor” Kondo of the HOJU KAI...(A popular Japanese lay health movement) Dr. Kondo was a retired English professor (No one made the distinction between professor and physician). We were involved with the HMA Japanese Speakers Bureau and agreed to help promote fluoridation on Japanese radio and press.

One memorable evening, we had Dr. Kau and Shigeo Natori on the KOHO Radio spreading the gospel of fluoridation...the telephone questions came in hot and furious. One elderly lady asked, “If we don’t want fluoridated water, what can we do?” Shigeo rose to the occasion: “You can dig your own well,” he joked...The radio listeners were stunned...Poor Shigeo, for weeks thereafter, he received hate calls at office and home...The anti-flouridationists were victorious...They had no sense of humor...

Potpourri I

A San Diego patrolman pulled over a driver and told him that because he was wearing his seat belt, he had won $5000 in a safety competition...“What are you going to do with the money?” the officer asked.

“I guess I’ll go to driving school and get my license,” said the driver.

“Don’t listen to him,” said the woman in the passenger seat. “He’s a smart aleck when he is drunk.”

This wakes up the guy in the back seat, who saw the cop, “I knew we wouldn’t get far in a stolen car.”

Then there was a knock from the trunk and a voice in Spanish, “Are we over the border, yet?”

“Funny Times”

“Too many of us worry about the future.” Dr. Smith exclaimed, “Why open the umbrella before it starts raining?”

Psychiatrists don’t need to worry so long as other folks do.

Potpourri II

Many years ago, I was doing my OB rotation with a colleague who shared my surname, Porter. One night I was busy repairing an episiotomy with the lady in stirrups and in lithotomy position.

A nurse looked into the room and said to me, “Mrs. S in Room 4 is bleeding. Will you have a look at her?”

“She’s not one of mine,” I replied, “You’ll have to ask the other Porter.”

My patient shrieked and almost levitated out of the stirrups.

“Stop!” She commanded, “I want a doctor to do this not a porter.”

(Dr. Alan Porter, Victoria)

Medical Tidbits...

Estrogen & the Woman’s Heart: Most women don’t have heart attacks till after menopause, but supplemental estrogen doesn’t always protect the heart after menopause. At the American College of Cardiology Meeting in Anaheim, David Harrington of Wake Forest University School of Medicine reported on a study of 309 women with heart disease. Estrogen by itself or in combination with progestin had no effect on the plaques in women’s coronary arteries. (ie for 3 or 4 years...A larger study on the effects of estrogen will become available in 5 more years) The latest studies show that estrogen actually increases heart problems in women during the first year and the heart benefits become apparent only after three years...

Good Reason to Quit: A new study of 34 men who had radiation for prostate cancer found that none of the patients who smoked remained potent 6 years after treatment while 2/3 of those who didn’t smoke remained potent.

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