News and Notes  Henry N. Yokoyama MD

Potpourri I

Judy was telling her friends how the first aid course she had taken had prepared her for an emergency earlier in the day...

"I saw this accident. A pedestrian was hit by a car. His arm was broken... and his face was covered with blood..."

"So what did you do?" her friends asked.

"Thanks to the first aid course, I knew exactly what to do... I sat down on the curb and put my head between my knees to keep from fainting."

Dr. March was on his way back from a lecture when he stopped at a diner for a late night snack... While studying the menu, he looked up and noticed the waitress was scratching her rear end... He asked, "You got hemorrhoids?" "Sorry, no special orders, the waitress replied... Just what's on the menu..."

Side effects:

An elderly man decided to get married again... The couple wanted a baby, but had no luck... So he went to get his sperm count checked.

After a history and PE, the doctor handed the man a jar; "Take this home and bring a sample back in the morning."

The old man returned with an empty jar; "I tried," he said wearily. "I tried with my left hand, nothing... I tried with my right hand, nothing... I tried with both hands, nothing... I asked my wife... She tried with both hands, nothing... We even asked the lady across the street, she couldn't either... "You asked your neighbor?" the doctor said incredulously...

"Yes, the old man said, "None of us could get the lid off..."

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Patients' Hospital Charts:

- On the second day the knee was better, and on the third day it disappeared.
- The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears to be depressed.
- The patient has been depressed since she began seeing me in 1993.
- Discharge status: Alive but without my permission.
- Healthy appearing decapitated male, mentally alert but forgetful.
- The patient refused autopsy.
- The patient has no previous history of suicides.
- Patient has left white blood cells at another hospital.
- Patient's medical history has been remarkably insignificant with only a 40-pound weight gain in the past 3 days.
- Patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch.
- Between you and me, we ought to be able to get this lady pregnant.
- Since she can't get pregnant with her husband, I thought you might want to work her up.
- She is numb from her toes down.
- While in ER, she was examined, X-rated and sent home.
- The skin was moist and dry.
- Occasional, constant, infrequent headaches.
- Patient was alert and unresponsive.
- Rectal examination revealed a normal sized thyroid.
- She stated that she had been constipated for most of her life, until she got a divorce.
- I saw your patient today, who is still under my care for physical therapy.
- Both breasts are equal and reactive to light and accommodation.
- Examination of genitilia reveals that he is circus sized.
- The lab test indicated abnormal lower function.
- The patient was to have a bowel resection. However, he took a job as a stockbroker instead.
- Skin: somewhat pale but present.
- The pelvic exam will be done later on the floor.
- Patient was seen in consultation by Dr. Blank, who felt we should sit on the abdomen and I agree.
- Large brown stool ambling in the hall.
- Patient has two teenage children, but no other abnormalities.
- She has no rigor or shaking chills, but her husband states she was hot in bed last night.


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