

HISTORY OF MEDICINE

2000 B.C. - Here, eat this root

1000 A.D. - That root is heathen. Here, say this prayer

1850 A.D. - That prayer is superstition. Here, drink this potion

1940 A.D. - That potion is snake oil. Here, swallow this pill

1985 A.D. - That pill is ineffective. Here, take this antibiotic

2000 A.D. - That antibiotic doesn't work anymore. Here, eat this root

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A man told his doctor that he wasn't able to do all the things around the house that he used to do. When the examination was complete, he said, "Now, Doc, I can take it. Tell me in plain English what is wrong with me."

"Well, in plain English," the doctor replied, "you're just lazy."

"Okay," said the man. "Now give me the medical term so I can tell my wife."

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It was a stifling hot day and a man fainted in the middle of a busy intersection. Traffic quickly piled up in all directions, so a woman rushed to help him. When she knelt down to loosen his collar, a man emerged from the crowd, pushed her aside, and said, "It's all right honey, I've had a course in first aid."

The woman stood up and watched as he took the ill man's pulse and prepared to administer artificial respiration. At this point she tapped him on the shoulder and said, "When you get to the part about calling a doctor, I'm already here."

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Why do surgeons wear facemasks?

So if they make a mistake, no one will know who did it!

Things you don't want to hear your surgeon say

1. Better save that. We'll need it for the autopsy.
2. "Accept this sacrifice, O Great Lord of Darkness."
3. Bo! Bo! Come back with that. Bad dog!
4. Wait a minute, if this is his spleen, then what's that?
5. Hand me that... uh... that uh... that thingy there.
6. Oh no! Where's my Rolex.
7. Oops! Hey, has anyone ever survived from 500 ml of this stuff before?
8. There go the lights again?
9. "Ya know, there's big money in kidneys. And this guy's got two of 'em."
10. Everybody stand back! I lost my contact lens!
11. Could you stop that thing from beating; it's throwing off my concentration.
12. What's this doing here?
13. I hate it when they're missing stuff in here.
14. That's cool. Now can you make his leg twitch by pressing that one?!
15. Well folks, this will be an experiment for all of us.
16. Sterile schmerile! The floor's clean, right?
17. What do you mean he wasn't in for a sex change?
18. OK, now take a picture from this angle. This is truly a freak of nature.
19. This patient has already had some kids, am I correct?
20. Nurse, did this patient sign an organ donation card?
21. Don't worry. I think it's sharp enough.

- 22. What do you mean, "You want a divorce?"
- 23. FIRE! FIRE! Everyone get out!
- 24. Damn! Page 47 of the manual is missing!

Moral question of the day: Should we try DOCTOR CONTROL?

Number of physicians in the US = 700,000

Accidental deaths caused by physicians per year = 120,000

Accidental deaths per physician = 0.171

(as per US Dept. of Health and Human Services)

Number of gun owners in the US = 80,000,000

Number of accidental gun deaths per year (all age groups) = 1500

Accidental deaths per gun owner = 0.0000188

(US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms)

Therefore, doctors are approximately 9,000 times more dangerous than gun owners.

(Taken from the Benton County News Tribune on the 17th of November 1999)

A study in Scotland showed that the kind of male face a woman finds attractive can differ depending on where she is in her menstrual cycle.

For instance, if she is ovulating she is attracted to men with rugged, masculine features and if she is menstruating she is more prone to be attracted to a man with scissors jammed in his temple.

Nurses and Doctors

Q: How long does it take a nurse to change a light bulb?

A: Only a minute, but then it takes 45 minutes to document.

Q: How long does it take a nurse manager to change a light bulb?

A: Unknown...policy is still being written, skill day has to be scheduled, the task delegated and of course be approved for in the budget.

Q: Why didn't the nurse change the light bulb?

A: Because after the state regulators came through and told her all the ways she wasn't supposed to be changing the light bulb, the nurse said screw it in yourself, and went to business school.

SIGNS YOU NEED A NEW DOCTOR

- He calls you at two in the morning "just to talk."
- Instead of rubber surgical gloves he wears oven mitts.
- He keeps accidentally referring to himself as "the defendant."
- After examining you, he says, "Now do me."
- He thinks Eastern Medicine was developed in Long Island.
- He keeps accidentally referring to your legs as "drumsticks."
- His examination room is Room 201 at the No-Tell Motel.
- He introduces you to his anesthesiologist, "Doctor Jim Beam."
- Before surgery, he asks if you want this "to go."
- He tries to color your X-Rays with crayons.

Doctors at a hospital in downtown Boston have gone on strike. Hospital officials say they will find out what the Doctors' demands are as soon as they can get a pharmacist over there to read the picket signs.

A man goes to the doctor and tells him that he hasn't been feeling well. The doctor examines him, leaves the room and comes back with three different bottles of pills.

The doctor says, "Take the green pill with a big glass of water when you get up. Take the blue pill with a big glass of water after lunch. Then just before going to bed, take the red pill with another big glass of water."

Startled to be put on so much medicine the man stammers, "My goodness, doc, exactly what's my problem?"

Doctor says, "You're not drinking enough water."

The Hammetts were shown into the dentist's office, where Mr. Hammett made it clear he was in a big hurry. "No expensive extras, Doctor," he ordered. "No gas or needles or any of that fancy stuff. Just pull the tooth and get it over with."

"I wish more of my patients were as stoic as you," said the dentist admiringly. "Now, which tooth is it?"

Mr. Hammett turned to his wife. "Show him your tooth, Honey."

VIAGRA

A man at the pharmacy to pick up his Viagra prescription exclaimed over the \$10/pill price. His wife, who was with him, had a different opinion: "Oh, \$40 a year isn't too bad."

Have you tried the new hot beverage, Viagraccino? One cup and you're up all night.

How many doses of Viagra does it take to change a light bulb? One little tablet, and it's a whole new bulb.

Men are being warned not to take Viagra with nitrates after five gentlemen in India did so and changed the balance of power in the region.

If you're depressed and think you might need Viagra, see a professional. If that doesn't work, see a doctor!

Because over the past few years, more money has been spent on breast implants and Viagra than is spent on Alzheimer's Disease research, it is believed that by the year 2030 there will be a large number of people wandering around with huge breasts and erections ... who can't remember what to do with them.

Doctors can be frustrating. You wait a month and a half for an appointment, and he says, "I wish you'd come in sooner."

Heard in a neuropsychology classroom: The hypothalamus is one of the most important parts of the brain, involved in many kinds of motivation, among other functions. The hypothalamus controls the "Four F's": fighting, fleeing, feeding, *and mating*.

A good remedy for a bad cold that you may contract this fall or winter: Just drink a glass of prune juice for breakfast, another glass of prune juice for lunch, another glass of prune juice at dinner time and a big glass of prune juice before you go to bed.

Prune juice will do nothing for your cold, but it will make you think twice before you sneeze!

OR

The cold season is upon us, so be careful what you take! Read and heed:

The owner of this drugstore walks in to find a guy leaning heavily against the wall. The owner asks the clerk "What's with that guy over there by the wall?"

The clerk says "Well, he came in here this morning to get something for his cough. I couldn't find the cough syrup, so I gave him an entire bottle of laxative."

And the owner goes: "You idiot! You can't treat a cough with a bottle of laxatives!"

And the clerk goes: "Of course you can! Look at him; he's afraid to cough!"