

THE BEST MEDICINE

Clinic or Spa?

One morning, a woman carrying a large duffel bag walked into my crowded waiting room and checked in at the front desk. When warned about the long wait, she smiled and said, “No problem. Do you mind if I use your washroom?”

Half an hour later, she was still inside the washroom, and my secretary could hear loud splashing noises. She went over and knocked at the door.

The door opened, and the patient stood there barefoot, wearing a robe, her wet hair dripping on her shoulders. A layer of water covered the bathroom floor.

“What are you doing?” said my secretary, horrified.

The patient shrugged casually. “I’m just having a shower. I brought my stuff with me because I knew I’d have to wait to see the doctor.”

“But you can’t do that here! Look at all the water!” said my secretary.

“Relax – isn’t that what you have cleaners for?” the patient asked, and before my secretary could respond, the patient shut the door, then re-opened it.

“Oh – and could you get me a towel for the floor, and a garbage bag for my wet things? Thanks!” asked the patient. She smiled and shut the door again. All the waiting patients were laughing – this spectacle had helped them pass the time too!



“Will you be quiet! I’ve never taken anyone’s blood pressure before!”

This item was sent in by Dr. Susan Biali, from Vancouver, British Columbia.

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