

THE BEST MEDICINE

A Movie and Surgery

Sometimes you don't have to look beyond your own family to find the humour that arises out of the practice of medicine.

My mother had been complaining of pain in her left knee for years. Her family physician duly referred her to an orthopedic surgeon who suggested an arthroscopy to trim a torn medial meniscus. "Oh, and don't forget to bring a video cassette with you on the day of your surgery," the specialist said to her on her way out the door.

Over dinner that night, my mother asked me if it was common for patients to bring video cassettes with them to their surgeries. "Oh, yes," I replied, "There is a TV monitor in the operating room for everyone to see."

My mother furrowed her brow, wondering why in blazes it was her responsibility to entertain the surgeon when he should be concentrating on repairing her damaged knee.

"Well, I guess if everyone does it... Do you think Dr. Robinson has seen 'Dances with Wolves'?"

This item was sent in by Dr. Dan Ezekiel, Vancouver, British Columbia.



"Fingerprints don't lie, Mr. Smith... if that's your real name. You are the child who bit me 30 years ago when I tried to give you a needle."

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