

THE BEST MEDICINE

The Ordinary Doctor

One of my patients, an 18-year-old man, was involved in a motor vehicle accident due almost entirely to his own stupidity. Seeing himself trapped and likely to lose his license, he pled “amnesia.” A court date was set, and I was subpoenaed by the defense to testify to my young patient’s amnesia.

The first order of business in any court is to have the witnesses declared as experts. Defense counsel puffed up my attributes and dwelled for a long time on my status. When the defense lawyer was finished, it was the crown’s turn to tear down my credentials and minimise my impact.

The prosecutor addressed me by saying, “notwithstanding all of the attempts of my learned colleague, in fact, when it gets right down to it, you’re just an “ordinary doctor” aren’t you?”

Before I could restrain my tongue, I found myself replying, “I guess I’m an ordinary doctor the same way you’re an ordinary lawyer.” Whereupon pandemonium broke out as the court erupted into laughter.

The judge, known for his sternness and lack of humour, said, “I guess that’s a question you won’t ask again.”

When order could be restored, the court found my patient rightfully guilty. D



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