

THE BEST MEDICINE

Alternative to Alcoholics Anonymous

Recently, I was asked to see a patient with various medical problems. On physical examination, I noted that he had candida on his tongue.

Our conversation went as follows:

Doctor: "Have you been tested in the past for HIV?"

Patient: "Yes, the test was negative."

Doctor: "Did you know that you probably have candida yeast on your tongue?"

Patient: "Oh yeah, I've had that for some time, and don't worry because I don't have HIV. Apparently, there are three ways to get yeast on your tongue."

Doctor: "Really? What are these reasons?"

Patient: "Well, HIV/AIDS is one way. But I don't have that."

Doctor: "Okay, and the other two ways?"

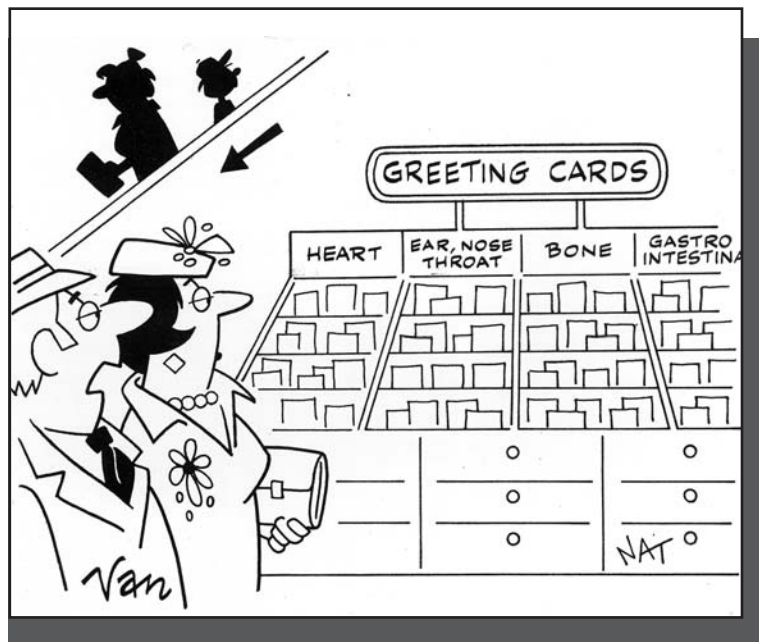
Patient: "Oral sex and beer."

I noticed that his girlfriend was in the room, so I replied:

Doctor: "Well, you will certainly have to cut back on your beer."

Patient: "I know, I know." ☹

This item was sent in by
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"I guess in this age of specialization, it was bound to happen."

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