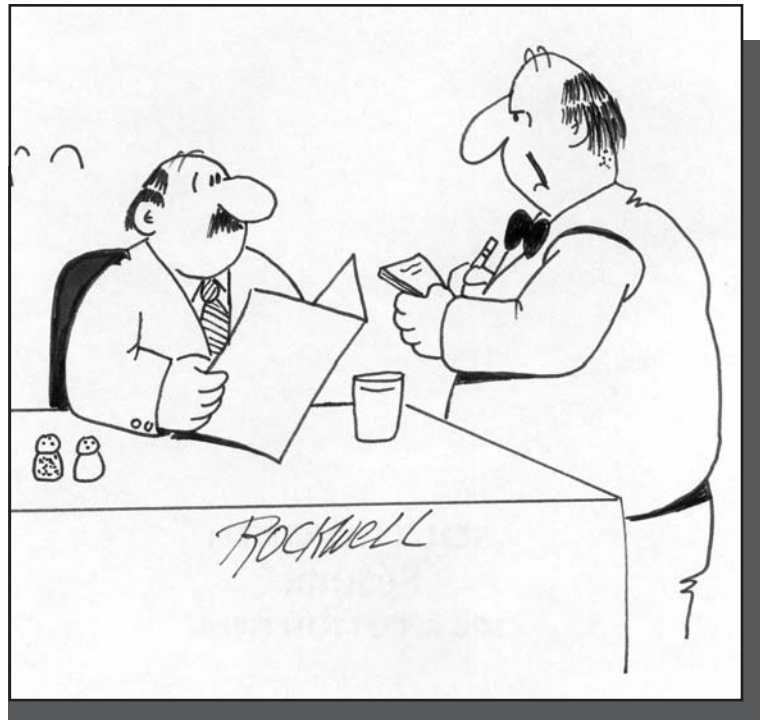

The Best Medicine

Mind Your U's and V's

An elderly gentleman came to the sleep disorders clinic after having a sleep study performed in the laboratory. His diagnosis of obstructive sleep apnea was explained to him in the context of the laboratory findings. For treatment, nasal continuous positive airway pressure was recommended. Upon hearing about the equipment required for this treatment, the gentleman asked, "Couldn't I just have my vulva removed?"

My training as a psychiatrist and a part-time poker player came in very handy at this point. My response to the patient was, "No Sir, I don't think we can do that to you."

Of course, "vulva" and "uvula" could be easily confused as words, but not as anatomy! ☒



"The 24-ounce porterhouse steak with baked potato and sour cream comes with your choice of any clot-busting drug."

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