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Drinks on special occasions (eg. Mon. 7/05...). Headaches + vomiting. Nausea + polyuria.
ORDER OF RECORDING

1. General
2. Skin
3. Eyes
4. Ears
5. Nose
6. Mouth
7. Throat

8. Nails
9. Palms
10. Feet
11. History
12. Examination
13. Laboratory
14. Treatment
15. Sharing
16. Therapy
17. Follow-up
18. Discharge
19. Notes

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21. Summary
22. Impressions
23. Signature(s)

Impression: Normal xiphoid process
GLOSSARY

Betz cell anemia — a paucity of functioning neurons in the CNS.
Chandelier Sign — A clinical sign which is present when patient hits the chandelier upon examination. Seen in several conditions, e.g. PID, anal tear.
COLD — Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease, not the same as Cold.
Commando Procedure — Any radical procedure used to try to save a patient.
Cool — to die.
Crock — 1. a malingerer or a chronic complainer, 2. Any patient a doctor does not particularly like.
ECU — Eternal Care Unit. Being transferred to the ECU indicates a patient is dead.
Fascinoma — Extremely interesting case.
Fly Sign — An unconscious, open-mouthed patient whose mouth could catch flies.
FOS — Full of Shit. Refers to 1. A patient inadequately prepped for a barium enema or sigmoidoscopy, 2. the advice of consultants if they do not agree with one’s assessment of a case.
FUBAR — a patient whose appearance is “changed” beyond all recognition.

Gomer — A patient who, for one reason or another, is unusual in a negative sense.
Gomer Scales — Tests which indicate whether a patient is a true gomer. Some assign points. Example, a pt. has 1 gomer pt. if he regulates his IV; 4 if he regulates the IV’s of others, 10 if he masquerades as a doctor and inserts his own IV’s.
Gridleburg's Trial of Life — Having survived something horrendous. Named for an intern who mistakenly infused 2 Liters of saline into a patient with CHF.

Guarded Prognosis — Indicates patient is not a suitable candidate for life insurance.

Gumbar Disease. the Dreaded — Fictional disease ascribed to medical students when they present to student health. The symptoms are whatever the student has and the prognosis is "too terrible to talk about."

Johnson's Sign — Named after the intern Eliot Johnson, the sign occurs when a patient snaps back into bed after being transferred to a stretcher. Indicates a Foley catheter attached to the bed was not removed from the patient.

MOM — Milk Of Magnesia. Often written as "MOM in AM if no BM this PM."

Pipe Cleaner — Urologist.

Rule of Tubes — The more tubes, the more trouble.

Saint's Triad — The association of gallbladder disease with hiatal hernia and diverticulosis.

Sinner's Triad — An X-ray finding of an IUD, a metal crucifix and no wedding ring.

String Sign — An estimation of alcoholic hallucinosis. One holds the fingers slightly apart and asks the patient what color string is being held. Positive if a color is named, markedly positive if patient asks "Which String?".

Troll Patrol — Rounds.

Zebra — 1. An obscure disease, 2. the largest device for containment of mammary hyperplasia.
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WHEN SEEING YOUR FAMILY PHYSICIAN — A little something that may have slipped your mind is that doctors don’t need to get 70% of the questions right to pass! Wouldn’t it be interesting to know if your doctor was an A+ or a C-student? Did he flunk “Heart” or “Liver”? Or did he put straight A’s by cheating? Here’s a useful rule of thumb to help you judge your doctor’s qualifications: “If he weren’t any good, he’d be a specialist!”
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Support me, Almighty God, in these great labors that they may benefit mankind, for
without Thy help not even the least thing will succeed.

Inspire me with love for my art and for Thy creatures. Do not allow thirst for profit,
ambition for renown and admiration, to interfere with my profession, for these are the
enemies of truth and of love for mankind and they can lead astray in the great task of
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bad, enemy as well as friend. In the sufferer let me see only a fellow creature in pain.
illuminate my mind that it recognize what presents itself and that it may comprehend
what is absent or hidden. Let it not fail to see what is visible, but do not permit it to
arrogate to itself the power to see what cannot be seen, for delicate and indefinite are
the bounds of the great art of caring for the lives and health of Thy creatures. Let me
never be absent-minded. May no strange thoughts divert my attention at the bedside of
the sick, or disturb my mind in its silent labors, for great and sacred are the thoughtful
deliberations required to preserve the lives and health of Thy creatures.

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them, so that I may remain steadfast without regard for age, for reputation, or for
honor, because surrender would bring to Thy creatures sickness and death . . .

Let me be contented in everything except in the great science of my profession.
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vouchsafe to me the strength . . . and the ambition ever to extend my knowledge . . .

Almighty God! Thou hast chosen me in Thy Mercy to watch over the life and death of
Thy creatures. I now apply myself to my profession. Support me in this great task so
that it may benefit mankind, for without Thy help not even the least thing will succeed.

— FROM THE PRAYER OF MAIMONIDES