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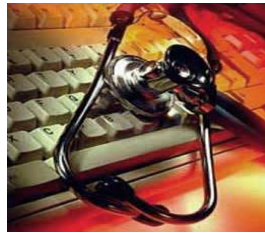
Hints, Tips, and Everyday Wisdom

In this section, we will be covering medical terms, equipment or hints and tips designed to help make us more productive and efficient.

Indium scan - A scanning procedure in which a patient's white blood cells are first labeled with radioactive substance, indium, and then the patient's body is scanned as a way of tracking the white blood cells at the site of possible infection.

Checkrein ligament - Part of the interphalangeal articulations of the hand. The volar ligament (also

called the palmar) is thinner and more flexible in its central-proximal part. On both sides, it is reinforced by the checkrein ligaments.



PerFix Light Plug - For use in a tension-free preperitoneal repair technique where a lighter-weight mesh and a reduced amount of

implanted material is indicated. There is also its predecessor, the **PerFix Plug**.

Councill catheter tip - Used as a special tip on Foley catheters, particularly to treat acute urinary retention in emergency situations. You may also find this spelled "Council," but Councill is the preferred spelling.

Happy Birthday!!

December

(14) Lori Etheridge

(22) Andy Wendt



Just for Fun



**Remember to
email your VR
bloopers to me
so they can
appear on this
page!**

The following are actual, unedited, notes written by doctors on patients' medical charts:

1. The patient's bedbugs were stable in character.
2. ...but the patient and patient's family decided that they wanted to go disrobed.
3. The patient continues complaining of pain in his lower back and his shoulder, which needs to be worked up by a bus driver physician.
4. Birth control is unpredictable to the grossly impaired.

5. Exam of genitalia reveals that he is circus sized.
6. The lab tests revealed abnormal lover function.
7. The patient was to have a bowel resection; however, he took a job as a stockbroker instead.
8. Skin: Somewhat pale but present.
9. The pelvic examination will be done later on the floor.
10. The patient was seen in consultation by Dr. Blank, who felt we should sit on the abdomen, and I agree.

An MT Christmas Poem

'Twas the night before Christmas and in MT town
Tired MTs were longing to lay their keys down.

Their earphones were hung on their skull caps with care
In hopes that new words wouldn't bring them despair.

Some in their sweatpants and some in their tights
Had just settled down for a long evening's type.

When over their headsets the sounds were so jumbled
They couldn't quite make out the words that were mumbled.

They hit the fast forward, reverse, stop and slow
Trying to make out the message below.

They checked in their Dorland's, drug books and spellers,
Some called class buddies or even asked their fellers.

If they had an inkling of what the tape said
Or why someone was trying to mess with their head.

When no one could answer, they listened less quick
And suddenly knew the "doc" was St. Nick.

Now he spoke very plainly since they needed to hear
For his message was urgent as Christmas drew near.

It was quite simple, no long words to spell
Dictated but heartfelt and clear as a bell.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, best wishes and cheer
And thanks from Doc Santa for your hard work all year.

Written by Pat Stettler, CMT, FAAMT



New Medications



Jakafi (ruxolitinib) - The first drug approved to specifically treat patients with the bone marrow disease myelofibrosis.

Intermezzo (zolpidem tartrate sublingual tablets) - For use as needed to treat insomnia characterized by middle-of-the-night waking followed by difficulty returning to sleep.

Eylea (aflibercept) - Treats patients with wet (neovascular) macular degeneration (AMD), a

leading cause of vision loss and blindness in Americans ages.

Erwinaze (asparaginase Erwinia chrysanthemi) - Used to treat patients with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), who have developed an allergy to E. coli derived asparaginase and pegapargase chemotherapy drugs used to treat ALL.

Forfivo XL (bupropion hydrochloride) - For patients with major depressive disorder. It is a novel, high-strength formulation of bupropion hydrochloride, the active ingredient in Wellbutrin XL. Forfivo XL is the only single dose 450 mg formulation of bupropion approved by the FDA.

First-Time Generics - You previously may have seen these as the brand names, but now that they have been approved as generic, you may now hear the generic terms for the following:

fluocinolone acetonide otic oil - generic for DermOtic Oil used for treating eczema of the outer ear.

fluocinolone acetonide topical oil - generic for Derma-Smoothe scalp oil and/or body oil is a topical steroid that reduces the actions of chemicals in the body that cause inflammation, redness and swelling.

olanzapine - generic for Zyprexa, antipsychotic used to treat schizophrenia and bipolar.



Write or print out these meds and add them to your current drug reference material.

Record Breakers

Highest November Producers

Sherri Gault - Lifespan	15,907
Andrew Wendt - SHVI	10,382
Lori Etheridge - VBHS	10,357
Kathy Trueblood - Haywood	3,579

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Spotlight—Getting to Know You

ANDREW WENDT

Andrew (or Andy) lives with his parents, Craig and Darla, along with his sister, Abby. Rounding out the family, Andy has 4 pets: Sadie (black lab mix), Nikoma (husky), Lacey (shih tzu) and a miniature horse named Dandy!

When Andy is not busy at transcribing, you may find him involved with music, attending a truck and tractor pull, going camping or driving his horse (Dandy) with his cart. Andy also attends the Community Celebration Church.

Here are some other things Andy has shared with us:

Goals/Aspirations: Buy my own camper (I'm getting tired of my tent) and travel some more.



I was raised on a hobby farm near Hayfield, Minnesota. I have been a wheelchair user my whole life because I was born with spina bifida. I don't have a foot pedal for transcribing. Instead, I use a specially-designed keyboard with extra buttons for play/pause, rewind and fast forward. I also drive a Ford Ranger using hand controls.