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Hints, Tips, and Everyday Wisdom

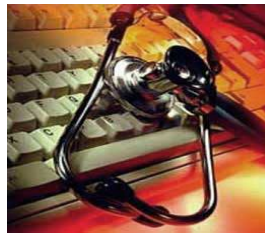
In this section, we will be covering medical terms, equipment or hints and tips designed to help make us more productive and efficient.

Visera Elite - A new surgical imaging platform from Olympus.

Endoeye Flex 5 - Another new item from Olympus - a videolaparoscope. This can be used in bariatric, thoracic, colorectal and other specialties.

PermCath - This is often dictated as "permacath."

There is no such term as "permacath," so please be sure to use PermCath instead.



Patella baja - An abnormally low-lying patella, which is associated with restricted range of motion, crepitations and retropatellar pain. For more information and

radiographic images, please go to: <http://radiopaedia.org/articles/patella-baja>

TWEAK testing - Mental status examination/ screening for alcoholism. A complete list of mental tests can be found at this website. Please be sure to bookmark this site for future reference. http://www.mentaltests.com/cms/mentaltests_list

Happy Birthday!!

November

(12) Andrew Bontrager



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. Patient's past medical history has been relatively insignificant with only a 40-pound weight gain in the past 3 days.
2. Patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch.
3. Between you and me, we ought to be able to get this lady pregnant.
4. Since she cannot get pregnant with her

husband, I thought you might like to work her up.

5. She is numb from her toes down.
6. While in the hospital, she was examined, x-rated, and sent home.
7. The skin was moist and dry.
8. ...Occasional, constant, infrequent headaches.
9. Patient was alert and unresponsive.
10. Rectal exam revealed a normal-sized thyroid.

11. The patient had a postmortem tubal ligation.

12. The patient's wrist was exposed in the supine position.
13. She stated she had been constipated for most of her life until she got a divorce.
14. I saw your patient today, who is still under our car for physical therapy.
15. Both breasts are equal and reactive to light and accommodation.

Congrats AIM Graduates

Andrew Bontrager (mentor Yulneka Brown)



New Medications



Ferriprox (deferiprone) - To treat patients with iron overload due to blood transfusions.

Exparel (bupivacaine) - An injectable suspension for pain.

Onfi (clobazam) - Treatment for Lennox-Gastaut syndrome (difficult to treat pediatric-onset epilepsy).

Erbitux (cetuximab) - Combined with chemotherapy, Erbitux is used to treat patients with

late-stage head and neck cancer.

Propel (mometasone furoate) - A corticosteroid implant offering localized, controlled drug delivery for chronic sinusitis patients.

These medications are not newly approved, but unusual or difficult to find:

Kombiglyze (saxagliptin and metformin hydrochloride) - Oral medication for diabetes.

Xarelto (rivaroxaban) - An anti-clotting drug to reduce the risk of stroke in patients with abnormal heart rhythm (nonvalvular atrial fibrillation).

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:

levetiracetam - generic for Keppra XR for epilepsy/seizures.

felbamate - generic for Felbatol, anti-seizure medication.

doxercalciferol - generic for Hectorol, used to treat secondary hyperparathyroidism.

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

Record Breakers

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Sherri Gault - Lifespan	22,375
Andrew Wendt - SHVI	12,740
Lori Etheridge - VBHS	10,354

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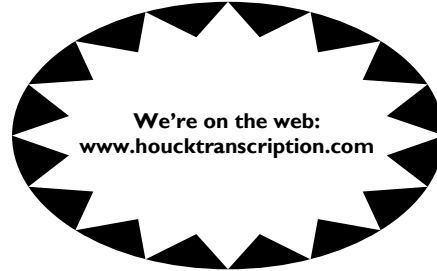
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Spotlight—Getting to Know You

SARA SPRATT

Sara comes from the great state of Nebraska. Sara has been married to her husband, Thomas, for 2 years now and they have 2 children: Hannah, age 7, and Eban, age 3. Other significant family members include their furry kids: Harley (red heeler - 3 years old), Sofie (pit bull - 8 months old), Maya (pit bull mix - 6 years old), Bella (orange tabby - 2 years old) and Tiny (gray tabby - 1 year old).

Here are some things Sara has shared with us in her own words:

Hobbies: I guess you could call it a hobby, but we do a lot of animal rescues and fostering. It's lots of fun and very rewarding. Sometimes it is very stressful, but the end result is always such a wonderful feeling.

Goals/Aspirations: My goals are just

to be able to be home with my kids as much as possible. That is why I decided to become an MT, so I could work from home to be with my kids, even though it has proven to be quite stressful at times.

Our pets are like our kids to us; we call them our furry kids. My life is always full of excitement and chaos but I wouldn't trade it for the world. I love being able to be at home with my family. We still have another year before my son starts preschool so I



am savoring my time with him right now. He is such a mama's boy and I enjoy every minute with him.

We started fostering animals and Maya was our first foster. She was used as a breeder and bait dog for pit bull fighting. When she came to us she was nothing but skin and bones, beaten and badly scarred. She was fearful of everything and everyone, but after being with us for 4 months now with lots of patience and love she has made almost a full recovery and has become my constant companion. She spends most of her time lying on the couch with my son and making sure she always knows where I am. We did not intend to keep her, but she has become such a wonderful dog and stole our hearts we just had to make her part of our family. She is such a wonderful dog and we are so proud of her!