

# Charting Chuckles

— actual quotes from medical records —

*Better hope it's a typo.*

- Patient complains of indigestion since last night when he ate a stake.
- While in ER, she was examined, x-rated and sent home.
- I saw your patient today, who is still under our car for physical therapy.
- Examination of genitalia reveals that he is circussized.
- The test indicates abnormal lover function.

*Thanks for clearing that up...*

- The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears to be depressed.
- The patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch.
- Skin: somewhat pale but present.
- Occasional, constant, infrequent headaches.
- Patient was alert and unresponsive.
- The patient has no previous history of suicides.
- Healthy appearing, decrepit 69 year-old female, mentally alert, but forgetful.
- She is numb from her toes down.
- The patient refused autopsy.
- Discharge status: alive but without my permission.

*Say what?!*

- When she fainted, her eyes rolled around the room.
- Patient was struck in the head while playing rugby with another individual's head.
- Patient was in his usual state of good health until his airplane ran out of gas and crashed.
- Bleeding started in the rectal area and continued all the way to Los Angeles.
- By the time she was admitted, her rapid heart had stopped and she was feeling much better.
- She stated that she had been constipated most of her life until 1989 when she got a divorce.
- Patient has chest pains if she lies on her left side for over a year.
- Rectal examination revealed a normal-size thyroid.
- On the second day the knee was better, and on the third day it had completely disappeared.
- The patient has been depressed since she began seeing me in 1993.

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