# Ethical Dilemmas .... Doing What's Right When No One's Looking!

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#### **OBJECTIVES**

- 1. UNDERSTAND the Issues involving A patient's family member Diverting Pain Medications
- 2. DESCRIBE laws regulating use of controlled substances for pain
- 3. DEVELOP strategies for Addressing unprofessional and unethical behaviors in pharmaceutical representatives
- 4. ARTICULATE strategies for communicating with healthcare providers who excessively prescribe controlled substances

#### Ethics, Professionalism & Legal Aspects of Healthcare

Ethical principles should define the interactions between healthcare professionals, their patients and their colleagues. Ethics, laws and healthcare principles influence what are considered appropriate and inappropriate behaviors.

The short vignettes that accompany this presentation portray interactions between healthcare professionals, their patients and their colleagues.

It is the intention of this program to facilitate discussions amongst participants regarding what is and is not appropriate and how to incorporate ethics, professionalism and legal aspects of healthcare into our practices.

# It's Not What You Say..... It's How You Say It!

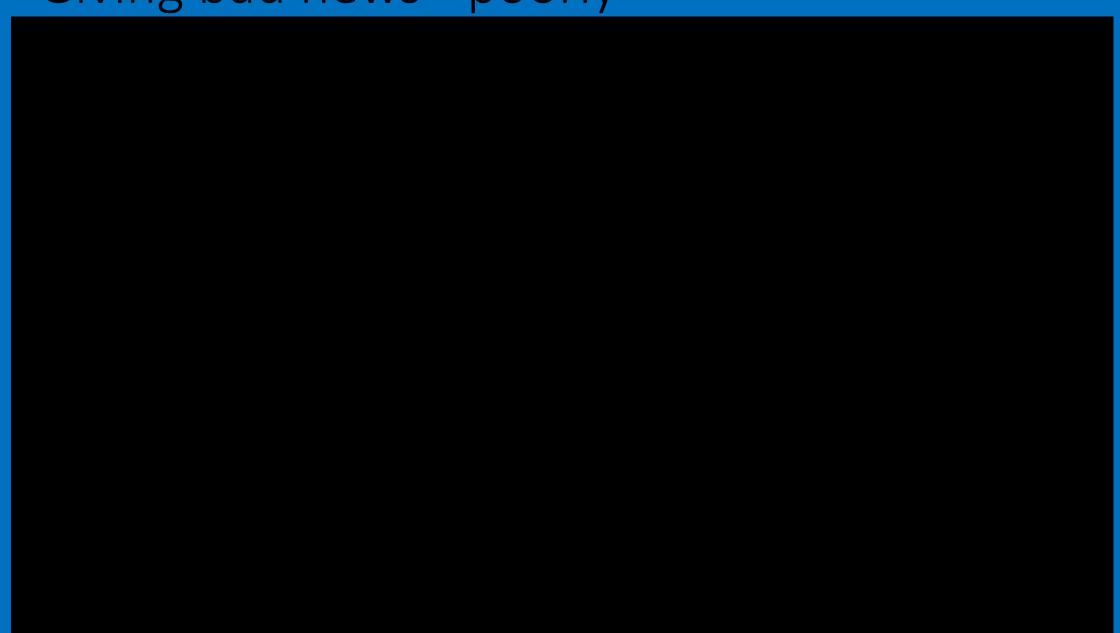


I have good news and bad news. The good news, you're not a hypochondriac.

# Marriage Proposal Gone Wrong



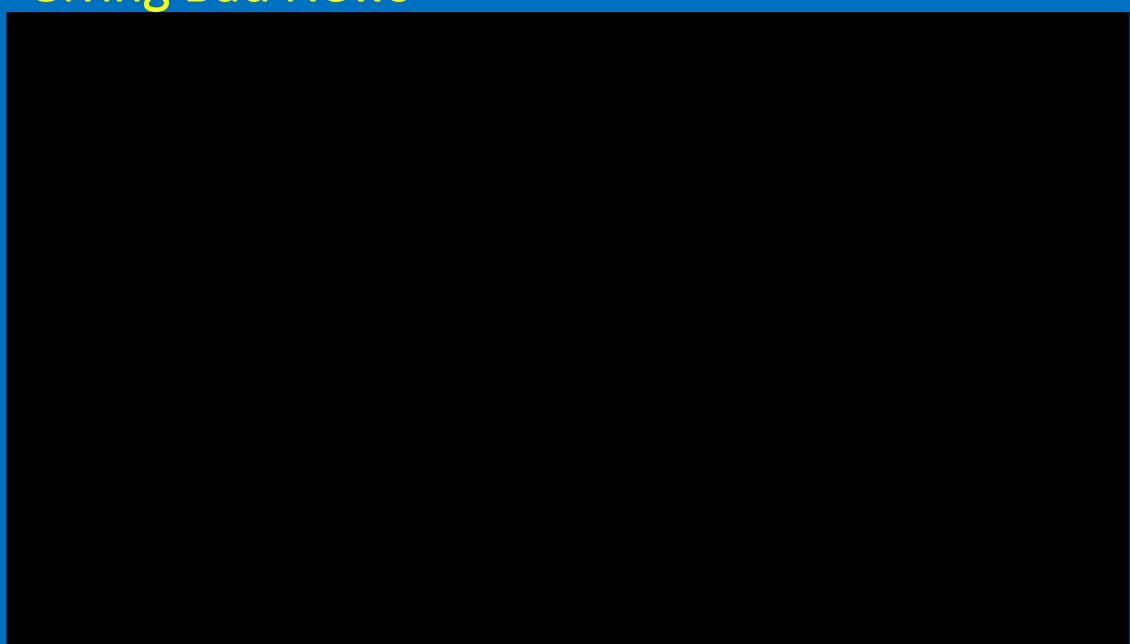
#### Giving bad news - poorly



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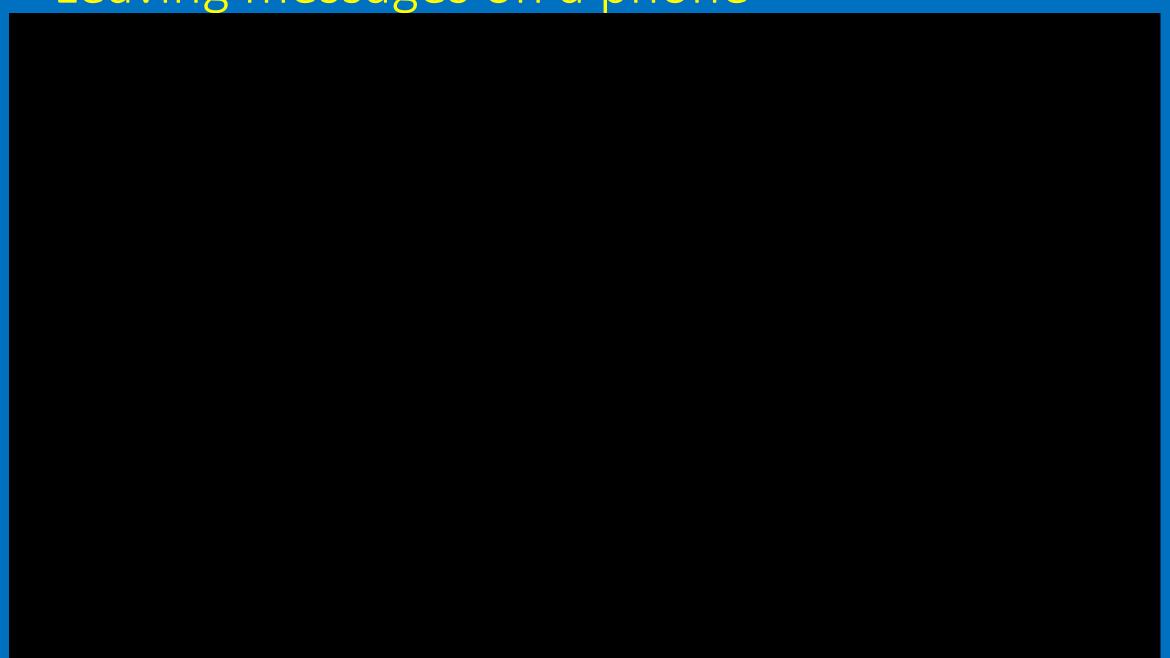
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# Loose Lips Sink Ships



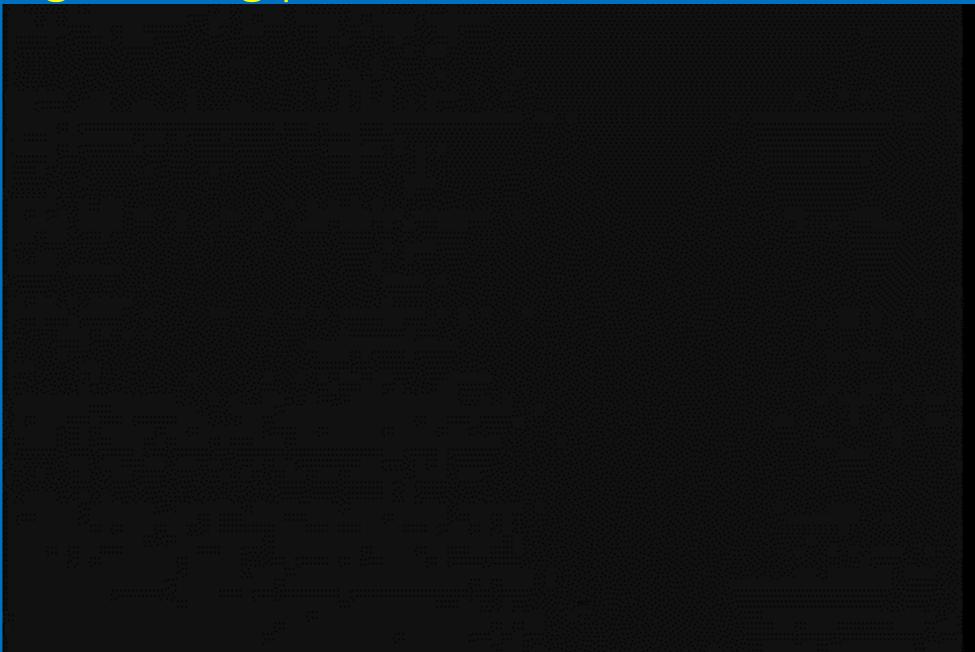
#### Leaving messages on a phone



# But He's My Son!



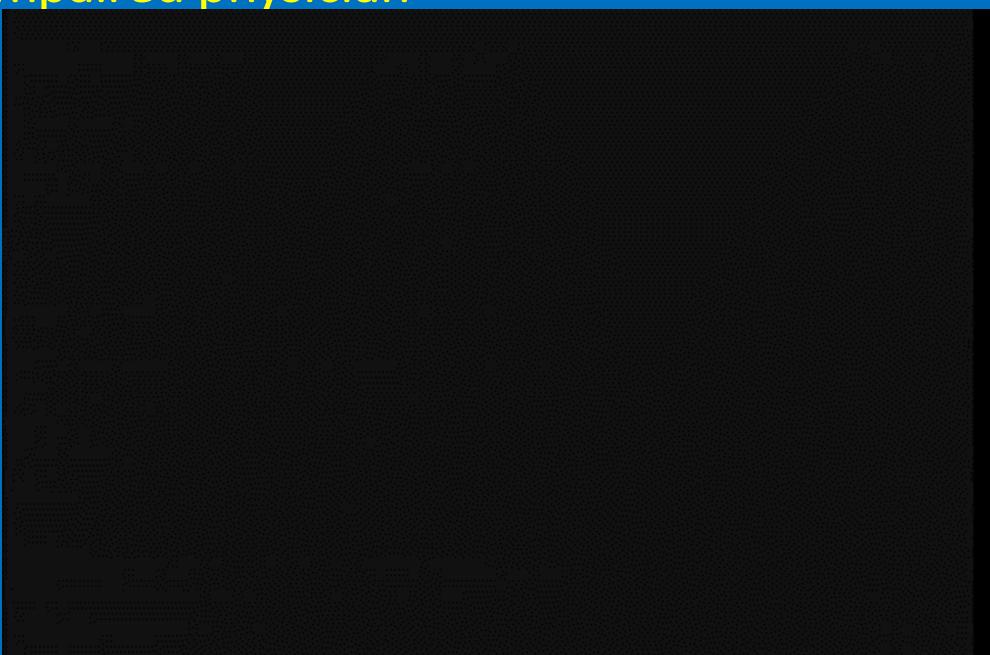
#### Drug abusing patient?



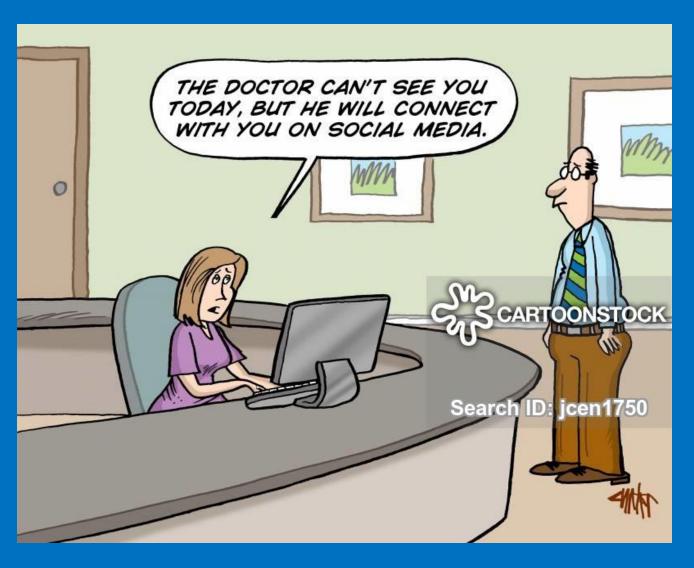
# Impaired Physician

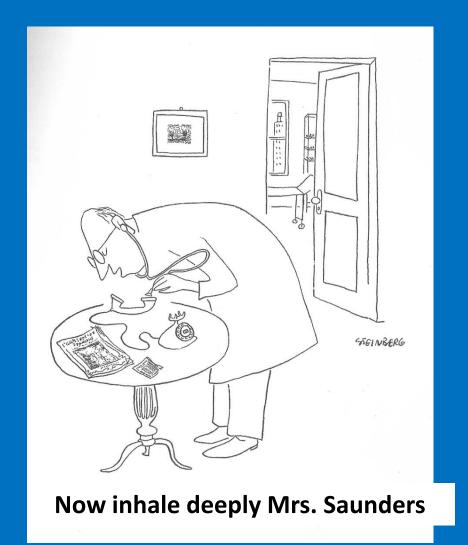


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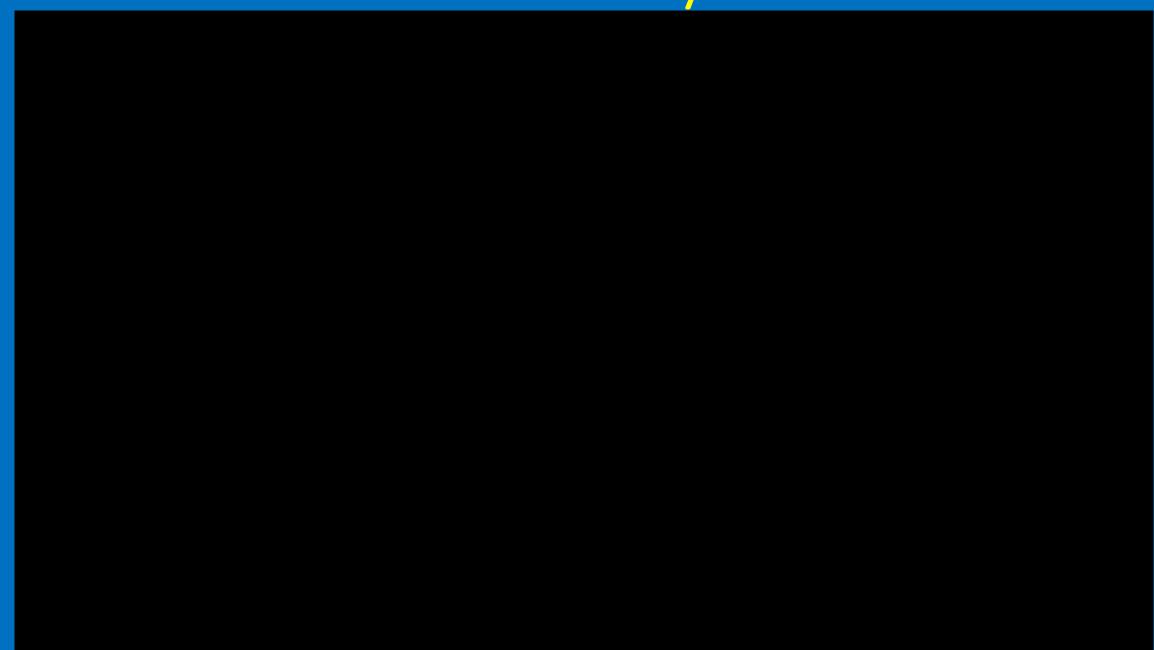


# Telemedicine





#### Telemedicine out of Country



# It's Just a Lump!



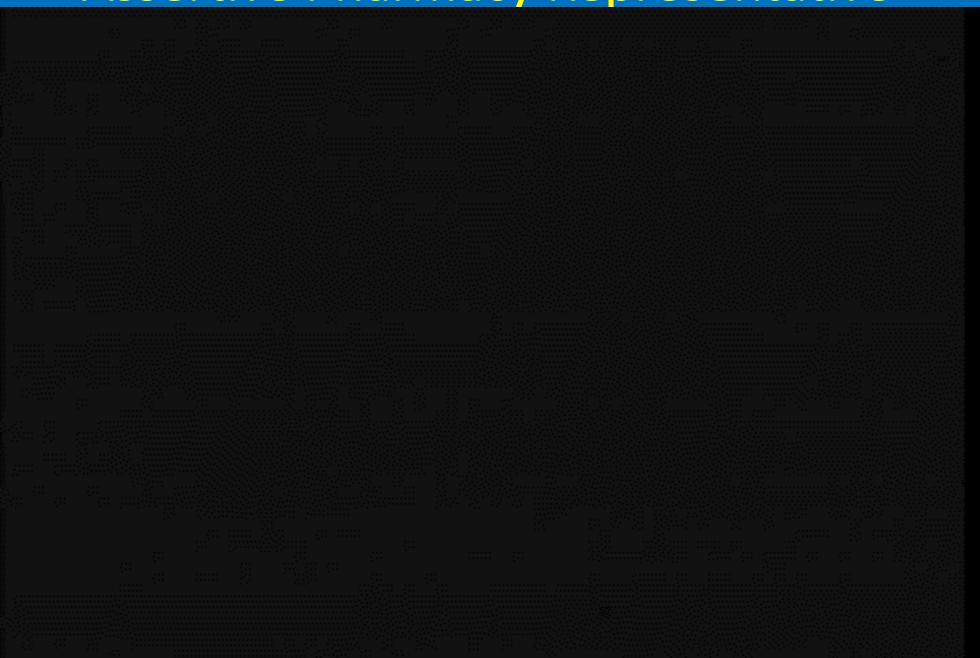
# It's Just a Lump!

- What is (are) the issue(s) in this case?
- As the patient's advocate should not the physician comply with her request?
- What other options are possible to resolve this issue?

# Pharm Representatives



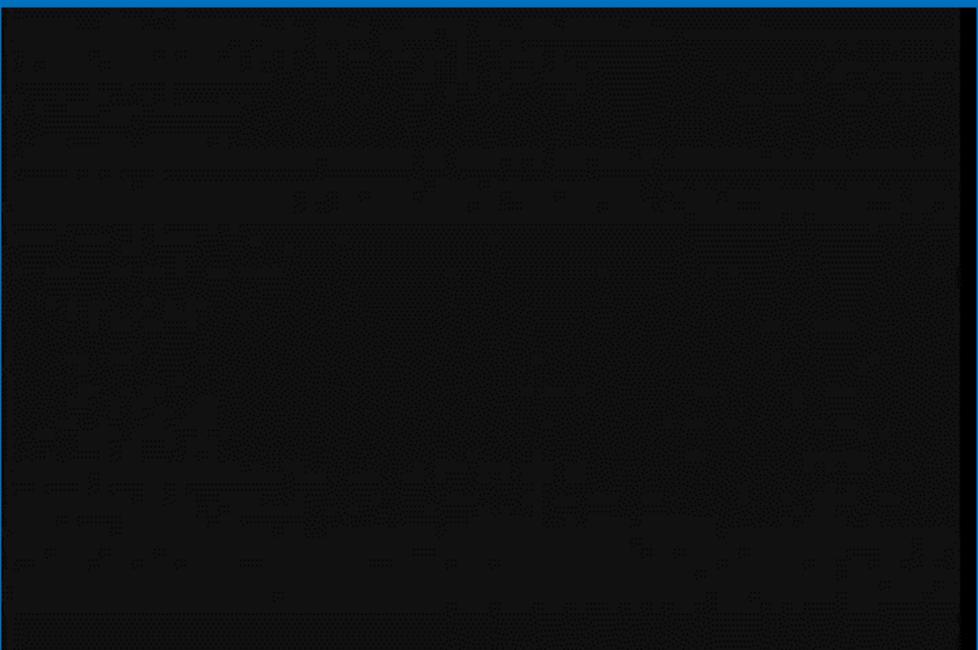
#### **Assertive Pharmacy Representative**



# The Seductive Patient



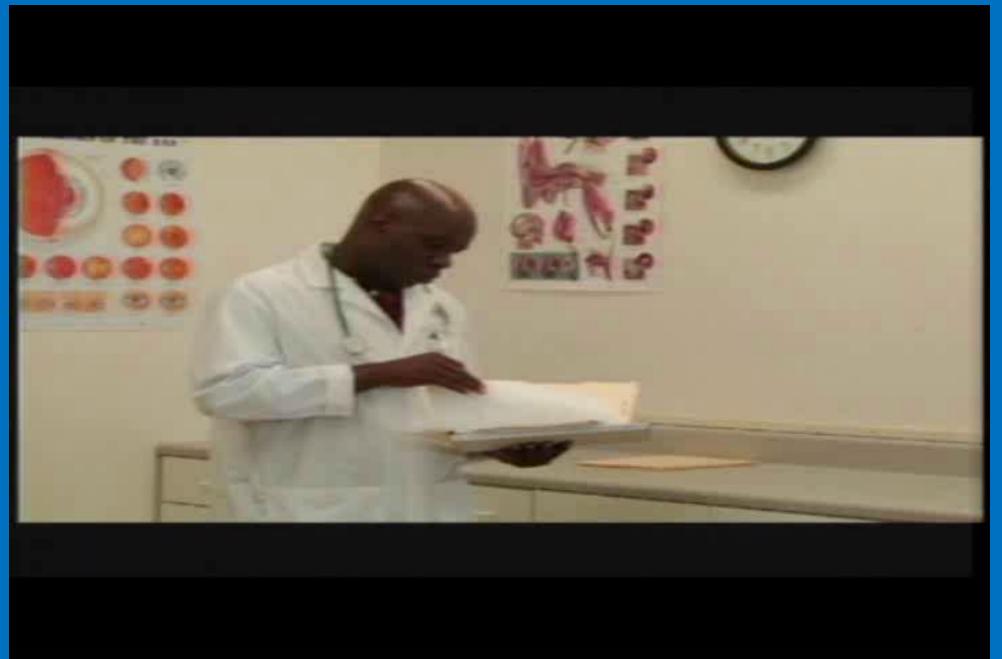
#### **Seductive Patient**



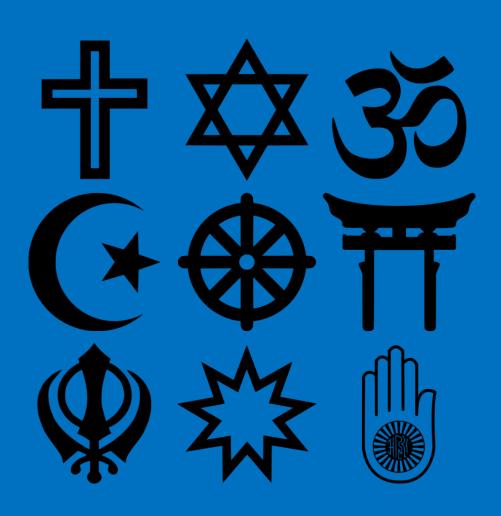
# Depression

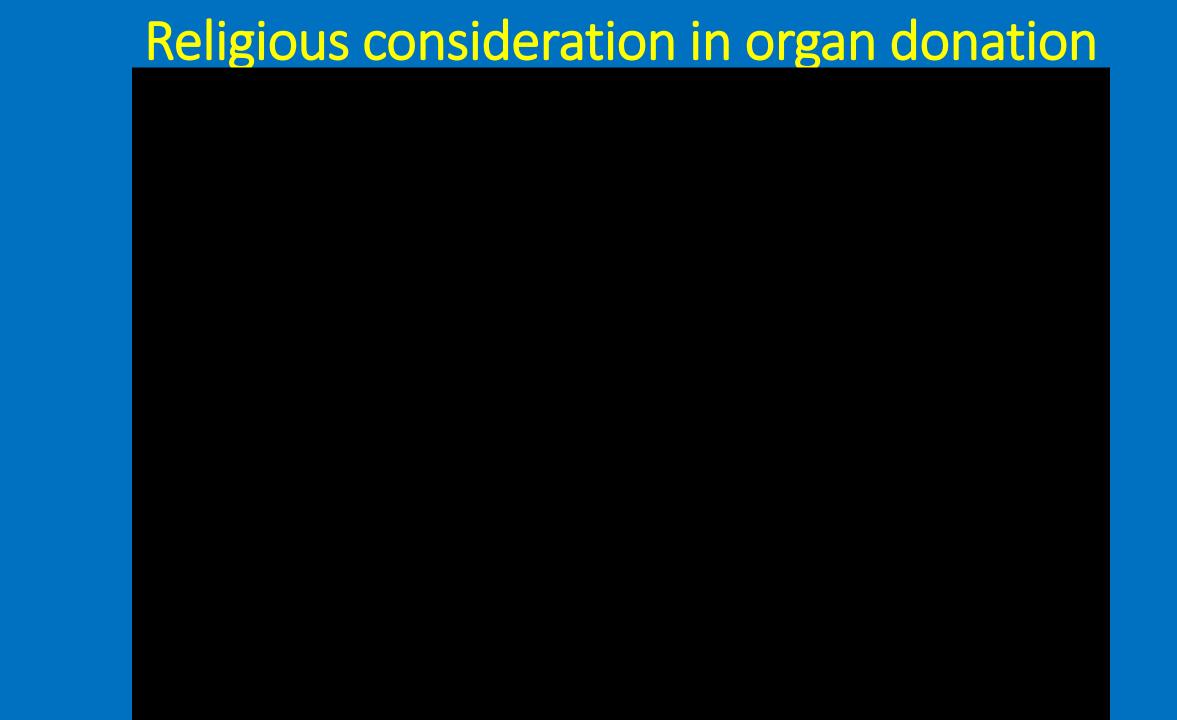


#### Psychiatric Consultation issue?



#### Ask the.....Pick One Rabbi

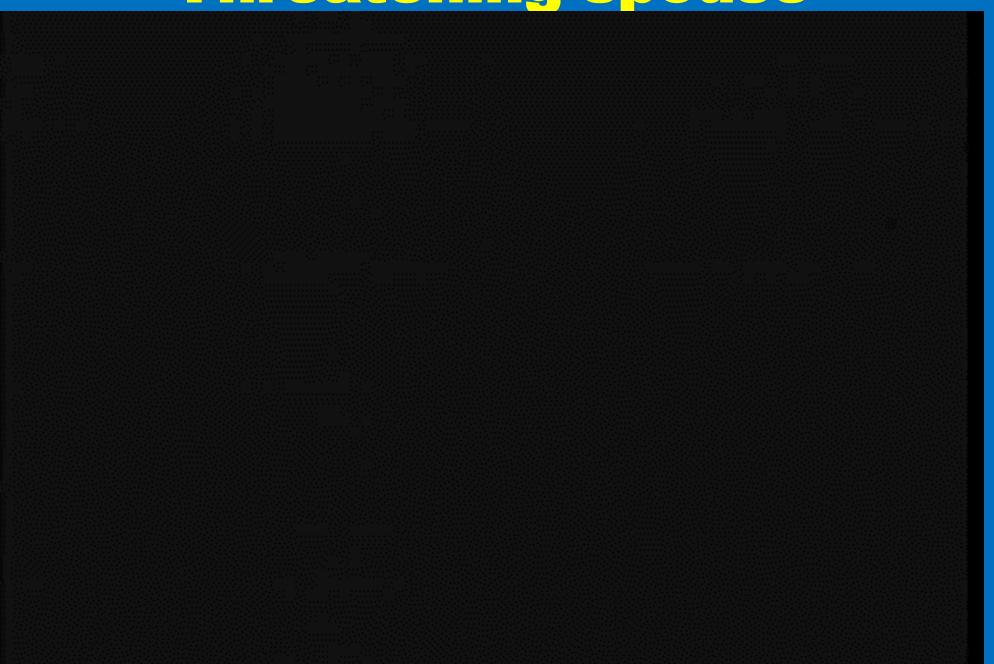




# What is more dangerous – Meat or Vegetables?



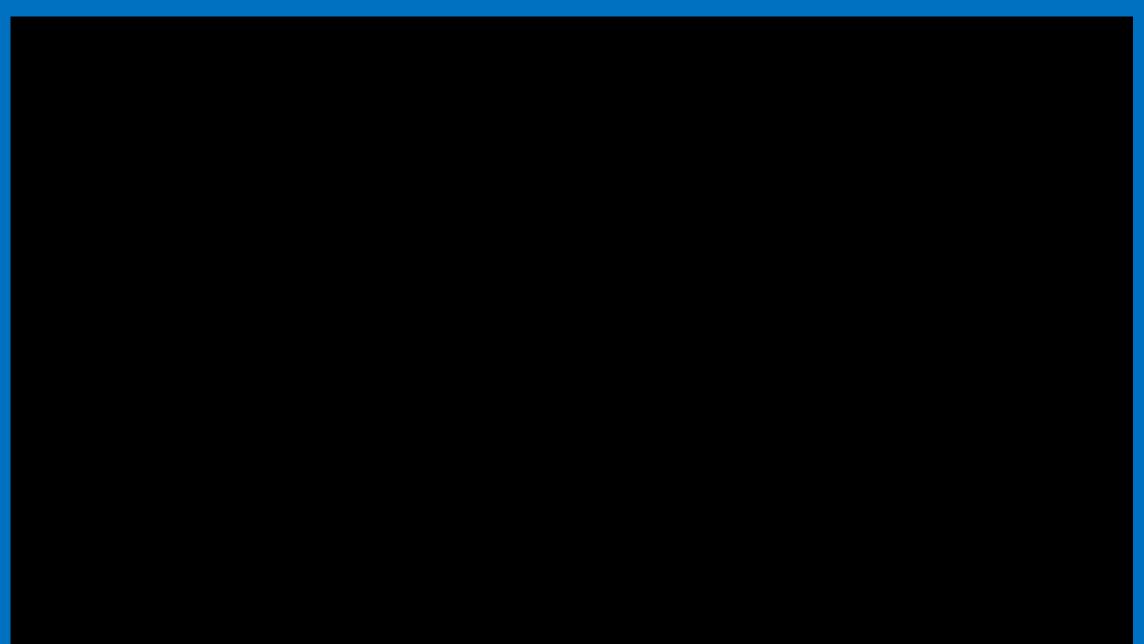
#### Threatening spouse



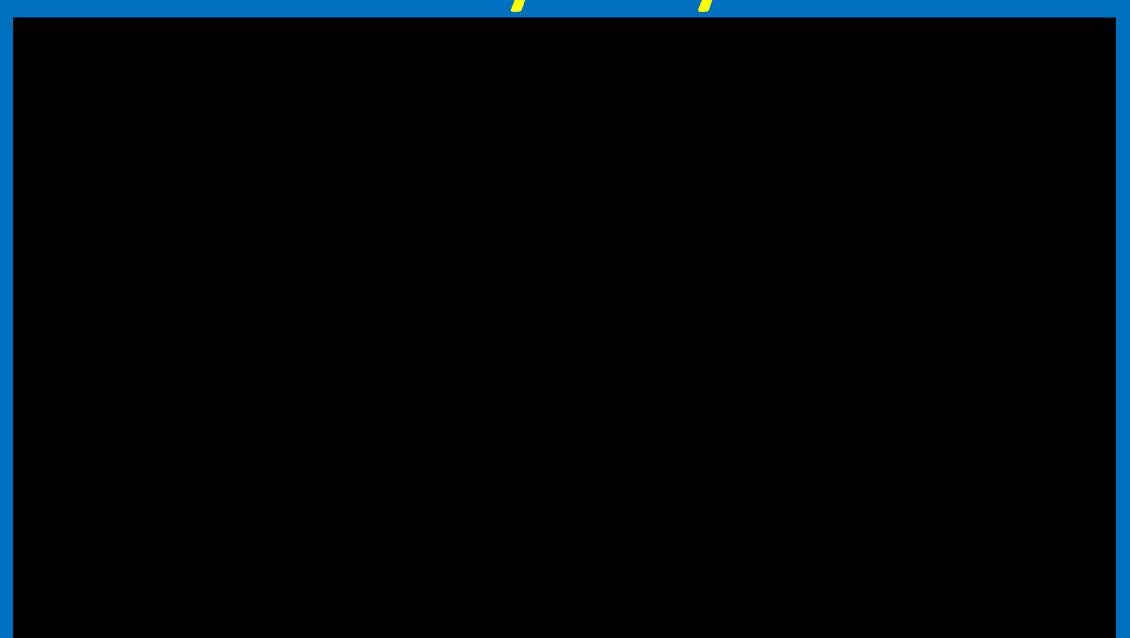
## Trust Me....I'm A Doctor!



## Treating physician



# It's My Body



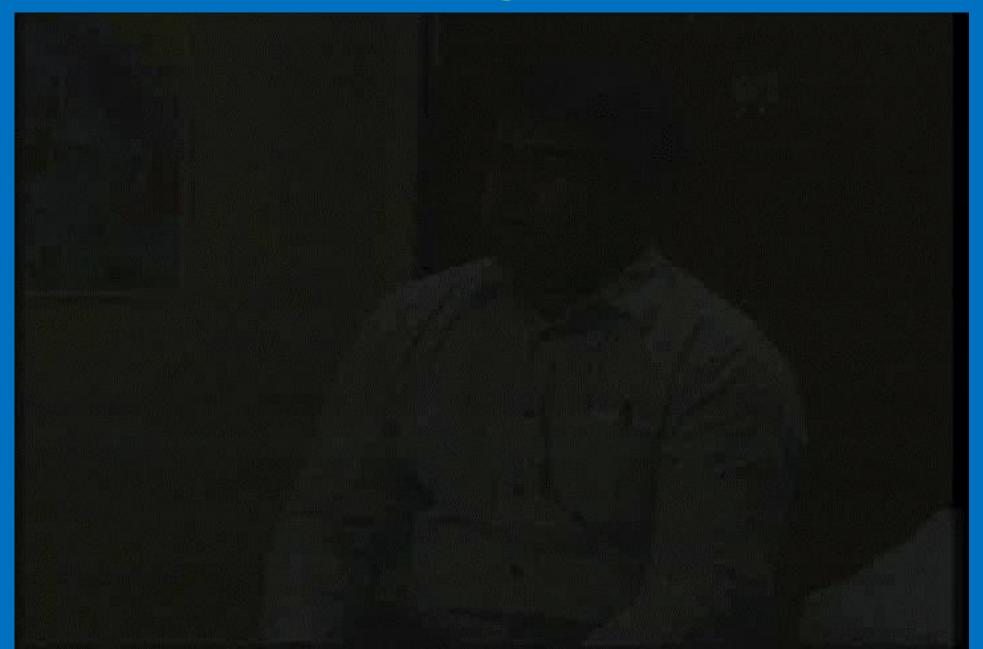
#### **Autonomy Trumps Transfusion?**

- What is the compelling issue here?
- Whose responsibility to discuss the issue?
- Is her marital status relevant?
- Is autonomy absolute?

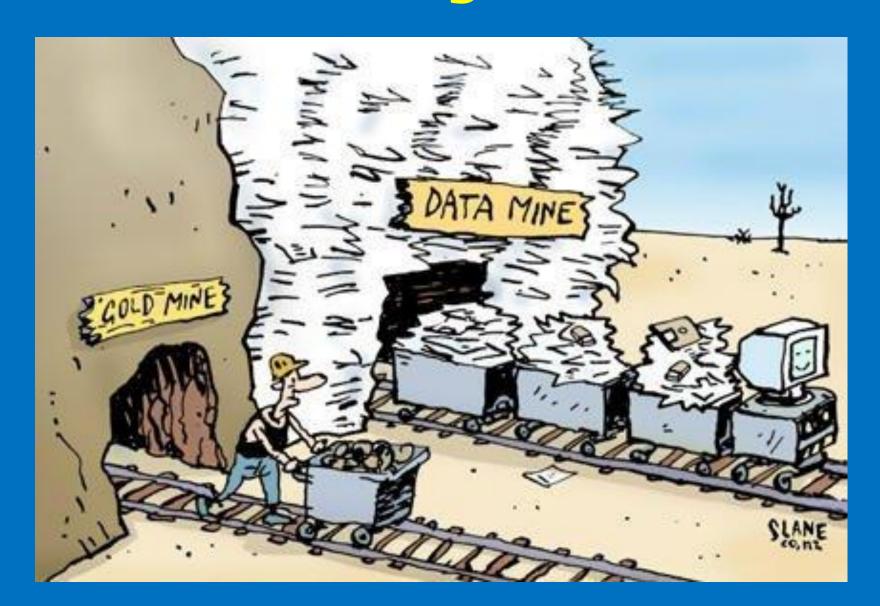
## **Bartering For Your Health**



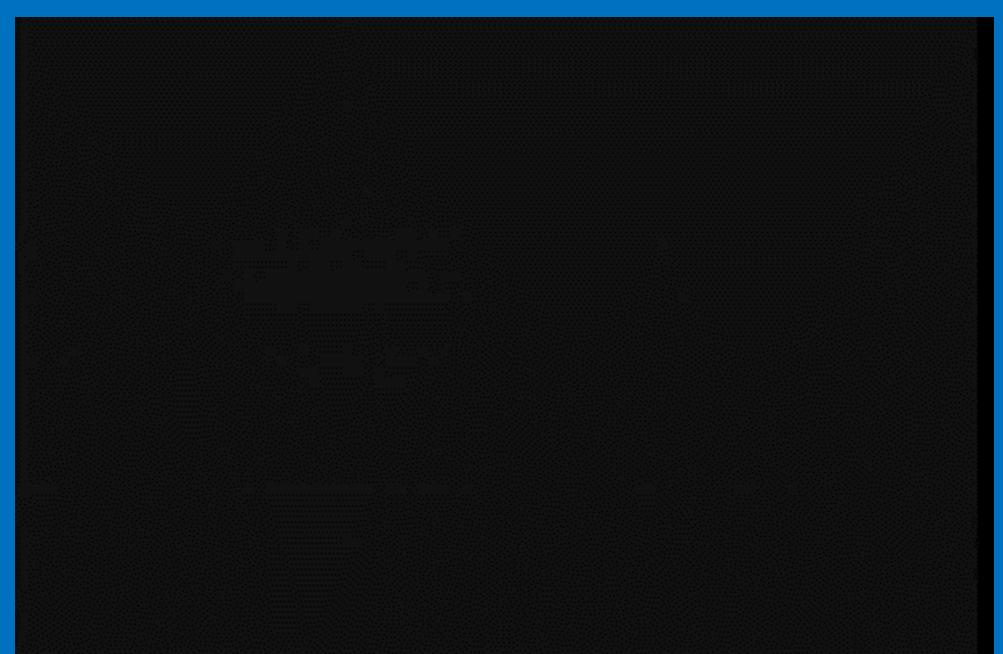
### **Bartering patient**



# Confidentiality and Minors



#### Confidentiality and the minor age patient



# Res Ipsa Loquitur



## Going to jail

