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GOS God's own spot (reference to tertiary/teaching hospitals)

GPO Good for parts only

Granny dumping Practice of bringing elderly patients to emergency departments for admission, usually before public holidays

Grape sign Grapes at the bedside imply the patient has a supportive family

Green one PEAs are green (reference to the change in terminology from EMD to PEA)

GROLIES Guardian reader of limited intelligence in ethnic skirt Guessing tubes stethoscope

H is for

HAIRY PSALMS Haven't any idea regarding your patient send a lot more serum Hamster sign Swollen cheeks as seen with steroids, but also as a result of swelling postjugular line insertion

Handbag positive Used to denote a patient (usually an old lady) lying in her hospital bed clutching her handbag as a sign she is confused and disoriented

Heart sink Frequently attending patients for whom the physician has little to offer

Hens teeth As in "as rare as . . . "

Hobgoblin Hemoglobin

Horrendoplasty A very difficult operation

House red Blood

I is for

In Status ician whose parents are physicians

J is for

JLD Just like dad. Commonly used as the etiology for an FLK

Journal of Anecdotal Medicine Source quoted for less than evidence-based medical facts

J. P. Frog Just plain fucking ran out of gas

K is for

Kidney stone squirm Spot diagnosis in A&E (see also PID shuffle)

L is for

Larry Locum as in "doing a larry"

LOBNH Lights on but nobody home (see also asynapsing neuritis) *LOB* Loads of bollocks

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LOL Little old ladylytes Electrolytes

M is for

Metubolicities in the soffee ion tea around large myocardial infarction MICO Masterly inactivity and catlike observation MICOS Masterly inactivity, catlike observation, and steroids

Mushroom syndrome Suffered by housemen who are kept in the dark and shoveled with manure periodically

N is for 1 trial Polite term for experimenting on a patient

NAD No abnormality discovered, or not actually done

NFN Normal for norfolk. Another possible etiology of an FLK

O is for

OAP Overanxious patient or parent

Obs & gobs Obstetrics and gynecology OD Overdose

Ohno-second The moment when you realize something has gone horribly wrong

Old man's friend Pneumonia (predominantly an American term)
Oligoneuronal Of low intellect

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O-sign Found on the very sick patient who lies with his mouth open. Precedes the Q sign

Ostrich treatment By pretending it's not there, one hopes it will go away

P is for

Pan investigram Shorthand for a raft of investigations

Parentectomy or parent transplant Removing parents as an effective cure to a child's problems

Pathology outpatients Mortuary

PDE Pissed, denies everything

Percussive maintenance Hitting an electronic item, such as a ventilator, to make it work

Pest control Term applied to psychiatrists by casualty officer

PFO Pissed, fell over

PGT Pissed, got thumped

PID shuffle Spot diagnosis in A&E. Others include the "kidney stone squirm"

Pink shrink A gay psychiatrist

PPP Piss poor protoplasm

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Plumbus oscillans "Latin" for swinging the lead

Policeman lesion A lesion on an X ray that is so obvious, a policeman would spot it

Postweekend fatigue syndrome Disease seen mainly in general practice surgeries on Monday mornings

Pox docs Physicians who staff the gerito-urinary medicine clinic

PRATFO Patient reassured and told to fuck off

Psychoceramics Psychogeriatrics

Pumpkin positive Derogatory term to imply that, when you shine a penlight into the patient's mouth, his brain is so small that his whole head lights up (see also oligoneuronal)

Q is for

Q-sign Follows the O sign, when the terminal patient's tongue hangs out of

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his open mouth

QT-sign Follows the Q sign, when the tongue is out and the tablet remains on the end of it

R is for

Removal men Care of the elderly department

Retrospectoscope Equipment that endows the benefit of hindsight

Rheumaholiday Rhematology (see also dermaholiday)

Rocking horse stool As in "as rare as . . . " (see also goldfish stool)

Rose cottage Mortuary

Rothman's sign Tobacco staining of fingers

Rule of five If more than five orifices are obscured by plastic tubing, then the patient's condition is deemed critical

S is for

Scepticemia What physicians develop with experience

See one, do one, teach one Classical way to learn medical techniques

Serum porcelain Battery of blood tests on an elderly patient

Serum rhubarb Obscure tests carried out only in specialist centers

Sieve Physician who admits almost every patient they see. Opposite of a wall

SIG Stroppy, ignorant girl

Slashers General surgeons

. Slough Patient who another unit or hospital tries to unload on you inappropriately or unfairly

Smellybridge Skin between the anus and the posterior aspect of the scrotum

Smiling death Friendly examiner everyone loves to hate

Solomf yoyo So long mother fucker, you're on your own

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Soft admission One that only a sieve would accept

Spanish disease Unconvincing cockney rhyming slang for cancer

Stat Immediately, shortened from the latin statim

St. Elsewhere Term used in ivory towers to describe any nonteaching

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T is for

'tache test A rather insensitive test initially thought to be predictive of HIV

status TT Tired all the time

TBP Total body pain

TEETH Tried everything else try homeopathy

T.F. BUNDY Totally fucked but unfortunately not dead yet

THC Three hots and a cot, sought in A&E by the local homeless (three hot meals and a bed)

TLA Three-letter acronym. Used repeatedly by Acronymophiliacs TMB

Treat 'n' street A&E philosophy of quick patient turnaround

Trick cyclists Psychiatrists

TTFO Told to fuck off

TTR Tea time review (in northern hospitals)

TUBE Totally unnecessary breast examination

Turf Diverting a patient to another team by buffing the history to suit. An art practiced in its highest forms by the Turfmaster generals

U is for

UBI Unexplained beer injury, for all those hungover people on Sunday mornings with black eyes/swollen knees and no idea how they'd got them

Unclear medicine Nuclear medicine, especially in reference to V/Q scans

Unineuronal Extremely educationally challenged—an extension of oligoneuronal

V is for

Vitamin H Haloperidol

W is for

Wall Physician who resists admitting patients at all costs. The opposite of a sieve

Walletectomy An expensive procedure, in private practice

WAW What a Walley

Whopper with cheese Fat woman with thrush

WNL Within normal limits (or, we never looked—see also NAD)

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Woolworth's test Used by anesthetists. If you can imagine the patient shopping in Woolworth's, then they are fit enough for an anesthetic

Wooly jumper Any nonacute physician Wrinkly Elderly patient

XYZ is for

YSM Yummy scrummy mummy, an attractive parent

Zorro belly Surgical "Z" inscription on the abdomen of an unfortunate patient

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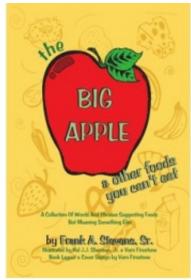


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