

PUBLIC HEALTH: Cultural Outbreak!

*Dr. Violet "Vi" Rahlagy wanted to help you catch Carmen, but she's facing a major issue in her lab. There's an onslaught of patients, all saying bizarre things! And though she doesn't usually trust WebMD, Dr. Vi heard that the Internet might help...*

Patients (WMC) entered hospital crying and whining, while two others (WMA--parents?) filmed. Smaller patient performed mastication on larger's digit; larger patient immediately began screaming even louder, and insisted that the pain variance was extreme (7 ? 2 6)

Patient (WMA) rushed into hospital bloodied and injured, insisting an attempt had been made on his life. Upon calming down, claimed that a celebrity truly attempted to consume his flesh; said celebrity was recognized by staff for noted work in motivational speeches, though autobiographical information indicates he is unremarkable. (? 8 4 7)

Patient (WMC) was first heard outside hospital singing extraordinarily loudly; despite European nature of song, ID later confirmed he was from a Midwestern state. Patient then entered (having apparently come from local big-box store) and continued singing, drawing popular attention from media. (? 7 3)

Patient (WMA) stormed into lobby (apparently from right wing of the hospital) and began shrieking regarding various political theories. Patient then seized hold of bubbler and began clawing at the piping, claiming that fluid treatment would alter sexualities of certain animals. Upon being asked to calm himself, patient claimed his efforts were a form of art. (1 4 4 ? 6' 9 2 3 5 2 4 3 7' 5 3!)

Patient (WFA), after presenting ID from Northern state, claimed to possess a form of magnoscopic vision, enabling her to observe a location thousands of miles away. Patient bore remarkable resemblance to noted political figure--or perhaps this was said political figure, who resembles patient? (1 3 3 ? 4 2 5!)

Four patients (all WMA) with visible prostheses on faces snuck into lobby dressed identically. Patients, after offering teachings on chicanery, proceeded to cut to the front of the check-in line, repeatedly singing it is where they belonged (2 3 6 ?)

Overwhelmed, I exited the hospital for fresh air--only to discover new patient (WMA) standing on lawn, staring into the sky. Following his gaze, I discovered a rare meteorological phenomenon occurring. Patient (apparently under the influence of cannabis) promptly turned to me and posed philosophical riddle; I promptly sighed "I don't know." (6 ?)

Emaciated patient (MA--W?) with disturbing skin coloration (possible reaction to cheap jewelry?) entered; wide red eyes, lack of other sensory organs, ethereal tone, and communication with miniature puppets suggest severe mental illness. Remained dissociated until passing cafeteria employee appeared, at which point patient grabbed at old metal cutlery and began running digits along them in a sensual manner. (? 7)

Patient (WMA) entered lobby on wheels, hunched over and disguised as someone else. Upon a nurse approaching, patient proceeded to stand and remove disguise; patient then began singing loudly about personal perseverance and integrity (11--"5 5 4 ? 2")

Patient (WFT), apparently suffering from severe temporal lobe damage, entered hospital and began demanding breakfast items, then pointing out passing hours. Patient then started shouting the incorrect date, all while endlessly pacing in front of lobby chairs mumbling to herself about stealing one in particular. (?)

Patients (WMA) entered hospital fighting loudly; after being separated, began to shout their names (Greek?) simultaneously. Staff listened and promptly engaged in intense argument as to what, precisely, was being said; consensus seemed unreachable. (? 2 6)

Patient (EAMA), who provided initials for name, entered hospital in thick dark glasses and formal wear, singing largely in foreign language (though words peppered throughout were English). Upon reaching certain points in his singing, patient crossed limbs and began dancing wildly, then shouted phrase. Amazingly, countless others in hospital rushed to watch. (7 ?)

Patients (largely WMAs) came into hospital carrying various weaponry and discussing meticulous plan to perform invasive action on a group of monsters. Final patient (WMA) then entered (having apparently been separated) and, without warning, rushed into the hallways of the hospital, all while shouting his name loudly; exasperated remaining patients followed, only to perish. (6 ?)

Patient (BFA), who entered hospital barefoot, refused to be treated for possible burns and soot inhalation, expressing interest in soft drinks instead (this despite clearly suffering from lung inflammation). When presented with tests or forms, patient repeatedly declared that she, and people in general, lack the capacity for these things. (? 7 3 4 3 4)

Patient (WMA), well-muscled, entered lobby and began doing push-ups, claiming that his efforts were actually shoving the planet away from his body. Patient proceeded to make similarly outlandish claims, ranging from the unlikely (renaming archipelago in the Caribbean) to the impossible (forcibly shutting a rotating entryway). (5 ? 5)

Final case of the day--massive array of patients (WMA, WFA, BFA, BMA, etc.) rushed lobby in pairs, engaged in intense rhyming debate. Patients ranged from historical figures (presidents, inventors, etc.) to cartoon characters (turtles?). Given the nature of their attacks, I immediately sent all to the burn ward. (? 3 7 2 7)