

Re: Rupture aortic aneurysm

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Jeff wrote:

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>> Jeff wrote:
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>>> (...)
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>>>> Yes, based on the fact that the pain is in the aorta and the person
>>>> feels
>>>> it
>>>> in the back, I believe that the pain is felt in the wrong place.
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>>>> When the "check engine" light comes on and you see it in the dashboard,
>>>> would you conclude that the light not being on the engine is "proof"
>>>> that the light is in the "wrong" place?
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>>>> With this analogy, the code from the OBDII diagnostic tells you were
>>>> the
>>>> problem is (O2 sensor, bad spark plug, open gas cap). So the place where
>>>> the
>>>> problem is perceived is the OBDII computer, not at the sensor or spark
>>>> plug.
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>>>> Yes, the mechanic can figure out where exactly the problem is.
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>>>> You missed my point. If there is a problem detected by the gas cap sensor,
>>>> the OBDII computer doesn't tell the mechanic that there is a problem with
>>>> the O2 sensor.

As far as the driver is concerned, the check engine light is uninformative just as the back pain is uninformative for the patient suffering a ruptured aortic aneurysm.

As far as the mechanic is concerned, the check engine light tells the mechanic to use his God-given skills and knowledge to figure out the

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problem just as the back pain tells the physician to use his God-given skills and knowledge to figure out the problem.