

Re: Husband's Bridge

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THIS IS FUNNY.

It reminds me about the censorship of porn.

LEADER: "Oh you guys can't watch porn."

GUY: "Why not?"

LEADER: "Its bad for you. It will make you do wild and crazy stuff."

GUY: "How do you know?"

LEADER: "I watched it."

THIS TOO IS FUNNY.

It reminds me about the discussion about Peer Review and the bum bridge.

LEADER: "Oh you guys can't tell the patient its a crummy bridge."

GUY: "Why not?"

LEADER: "Its bad for you. It will make the profession do wild and crazy stuff."

GUY: "How do you know?"

LEADER: "Because the Peer Review Committee regularly tells the patient EXACTLY what we tell you not to tell them."

LEADER: "If we do it, its okay. If you do it its wrong."

QUESTION ~ How does that work, anyway?

JOEL

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On 12 Jun 2004 19:00:25 -0700, leaderdmd@juno.com (Dr. David Leader) wrote:

>This disclaimer?:

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>"This posting is intended for informational or conversational purposes
>only.

>Always seek the opinion of a licensed dental professional before
>acting on

>the advice or opinion expressed here. Only a dentist who has examined
>you

>in person can diagnose your problems and make decisions which will
>affect

>your health."

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>Dr. Eichen,

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>You may want to add to this disclaimer that dentists are not able to
>give legal advice. Another item to add is that laws, regulations and
>standards of care may vary depending on location. Then again, the
>disclaimer does not give us license to give bad advice or to impune
>our colleagues.

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>Maybe it would be better to follow the ADA's Principles of Ethics and
>Code of Professional Conduct from Section 4.C. JUSTIFIABLE CRITICISM.
>"...Patients should be informed of their present oral health status
>without

>disparaging comment about prior services. In other words we may say,

>"there is a problem with your bridge." We should not say,

>"...it's quite possible that the dental offices most eager to

>use ancillary personnel for this crucial procedure didn't take that
>much care with the preps to start with, so it wouldn't really matter

>."

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>It's very difficult to give people helpful advice in this format. We
>usually don't have all of the necessary information. This thread is a
>good example.

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>Since we got the information 2nd hand, 2nd lay person hand, it is
>difficult to asses the reliability of the information. Was the bridge
>a temp? If so, many jurisdictions allow Certified or Registered dental
>assistants to fabricate temps and cement them. The "...Illegal..."
>comment is without foundation since we don't know the actual procedure
>or the laws of the state.

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>The comment may get back to the patient 2nd hand as well. It could be
>transformed into, "Honey, a Dentist says that's illegal." Think of
>our colleague who now would have to take the time to explain the
>regulations of his state and how what he does in his office is not
>illegal. This could precipitate a complaint to the state dental
>society. If that happens, it may make work for the volunteer peer

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>review committee in the treating dentist's district. All because of
>bad advice.

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>To the person who began this thread I remind you that you did not pay
>for any of the advice you have recieved.

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>David Leader, DMD

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>"Joel M. Eichen, D.D.S." <joeleichen@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:<r42nc09tieq84hti970o6o7sq423agjm4d@4ax.com>...

>> This is true. Please remember our DISCLAIMER.

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>> JOEL

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