

# I can now add TV star to my resume

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Last week I had contacted the media outlets in our area about the story from Florida regarding medical errors (<http://www.local6.com/news/10286256/detail.html>), and told them that if they would be interested in doing a similar story I would be happy to provide whatever background information I could. One of the local TV stations responded and came out yesterday to do an interview. (We used Carol's office because it was a WHOLE lot neater, needless to say!) The interview went fairly well, I guess, took about half an hour altogether. They aired the story twice last night at 6 and 10 p.m. Our small-town TV news here is pretty pathetic, quite frankly, and the way they put the story together came out a little goofy, to me anyway, but I did get a chance to talk about what it is we do and why it's important. I had told them about a personal experience I had when I had gone into our hospital for a procedure and an NP took a medical history. Later I had occasion to get a copy of my records which showed me as having had an appendectomy, which I most definitely had not had. I had an "ectomy" alright, but it was in a different part of the body for an altogether different medical reason! So I just used that as an example of how if I went into the hospital now with flank pain, I could potentially be in jeopardy if they looked at my records and saw that I had had an appendectomy and ruled that out as a possible diagnosis. I could tell the young reporterette (they ALL seem so young now!) got the significance of that scenario, so hopefully others will too. I was also glad that at the end of the story they made a point of advising people to check their own medical records for accuracy. In spite of my careful efforts to explain the CMT title and our professional title very carefully, the caption still ended up being "Certified Medical Transcriber." Oh well. I'll get a copy of the video and post it online as soon as I can.

By the way, I've decided that not only does the camera supposedly add pounds, it adds years too!

Jay

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