

Re: Swelling while on a cruise

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Jason Johnson wrote:

In article <2006Jun6.081022.17303@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, bae@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

In article <jason-0506062056280001@xx>, Jason Johnson <jason@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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In article <jason-0506061518330001@xx>, Jason Johnson <jason@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

In article <2006Jun5.173704.22948@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, bae@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

Jason, imagine that you are in an unfamiliar city, and can't find an address you urgently need to get to. You ask someone on the street for advice.

Which result would you prefer:

(1) The person gives you detailed instructions that turn out to be so wrong that you end up much farther away from your destination than when you started.

(2) The person says "I'm sorry, I don't know where that is. You'll have to find a map or someone who does know."

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I would choose number 2—that's why I told the poster to go to their doctor to find out the cause of the edema.

No, what you did was more like (1) followed by "or you could look at a map." Bad advice is *worse* than no advice.

I answered your question so please answer my question. In the majority of your newsgroup posts, do you try to help people or do you criticize posters?

I try to help people, just as I'm trying to help you understand why so many knowledgeable people object to your efforts to do so.

Bad advice, even if motivated by a sincere desire to help someone, is *worse* than no advice.

I feel sorry for people that visit newsgroup just to criticize posters.

I'm trying to explain things to you, to help you and advise you. This is not criticism.

I have lots of respect for the members of newsgroups that try to help people even if they sometimes make mistakes.

If you keep track of who posts what, you should have plenty of respect for the people who you say are criticizing you, and take their good advice.

If you honestly believe that I am the only person that makes mistakes, i advise you to do a google search on these terms:
malpractice
medical malpractice

Over the years, I have read newspaper stories related to doctors that have done some really terrible things such as cutting off the wrong limbs and prescribing the wrong sorts of medications that had a similar name. One of my co-workers developed minor chest pains and the boss had his wife pick him up and take him directly to see his doctor. The doctor did a quick check (about 10 minutes or less as per his wife) and told him that it was heartburn. About one week later, my friend had a massive heart attack and died before the ambulance arrived.

His wife filed a malpractice lawsuit but is not allowed to tell us how

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much money that she received from the doctor's malpractice insurance company. Doctors make serious mistakes that cause people to die or to be disabled on a regular basis—that's why the malpractice insurance rates keep going higher and higher and higher. In every large city, there are lawyers that specialize in filing malpractice lawsuits against doctors that cause their patients to die or to become disabled. One of the local surgeons had so many malpractice lawsuits that he now works in the local prison since it means he no longer has to have malpractice insurance. If you want to criticize people, criticize doctors that cause their patients to die or to become disabled.

Jason

Jason...I have tried to help you in the BPH group, and I told you in this ng that your intentions were good (but misplaced) , but now I clearly see that you have a problem.

I don't know what else to say right now other than to say you should try to cut back on some of your medical advice, and try to just present your personal experiences, but not try to diagnose people, or give them any medical advice. Naturally it is okay to say "I recommend you see a doctor" (which you have done), because that is harmless in itself. But to go beyond that (like you have done in the past), is not a good thing to do, and could be harmful.

I still think your heart is in the right place, but I think you need to re-evaluate what everyone is trying to tell you. I am not trying to criticize you or be a "net cop" as you call it. I am trying to help. Take care :-) ...Pete