

INJECTING HUMOR INTO A SERIOUS HEALTHCARE DILEMMA

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I would like to inject a little humor into the healthcare debate as it unfolds in Washington.

I couldn't help but want to share this humorous view by the different specialties of medicine regarding how different specialists view the changing paradigms of healthcare. This is a very serious issue; one that requires a great deal of conversation, discussion and debate more so than what it's currently receiving. As many of you know, every Friday at 9:00 a.m. on WVOX 1460 AM, I host a radio show entitled "Politics and Your Health". I get a myriad of callers from all sides of the political spectrum with many callers convinced that they have the answers. On many of our political issues, there are no simple answers and every proposed solution has a downside. It is important however that we discuss the pros and cons of all proposals and come together as a nation and particularly as a political class to resolve ever-increasing complex and meaningful problems.

Looking back historically, it's hard to imagine how our current politicians, who can't seem to agree on anything, could have ever been successful at putting together the Constitution as our Founding Fathers did.

In any event, enjoy what I think is an amusing take on healthcare through the eyes of the medical profession:

The medical community is unable to reach consensus on what to do with America's health insurance situation.

The Allergists were in favor of scratching it, but the Dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves.

The Gastroenterologists had sort of a gut feeling about it, but the Neurologists thought the Administration had a lot of nerve.

Meanwhile, Obstetricians felt certain everyone was laboring under a misconception, while the Ophthalmologists considered the idea shortsighted.

Pathologists yelled, "Over my dead body!" while the Pediatricians said, "Oh, grow up!"

The Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness, while the Radiologists could see right through it.

Surgeons decided to wash their hands of the whole thing and the Internists claimed it would indeed be a bitter pill to swallow.

The Plastic Surgeons opined that this proposal would "put a whole new face on the matter."

The Podiatrists thought it was a step forward, but the Urologists were pissed off at the whole idea.

*Anesthesiologists thought the whole idea was a gas, and those lofty Cardiologists **did not** have the heart to say no.*

In the end, the Proctologists won out, leaving the entire decision up to the assholes in Washington.

I hope you are still laughing ...

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