

Ripley's _____
Believe It or Not!

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Fireball

- 9 yo female chases a ball into a transformer box electrocuting herself



Teaching Points

- Importance of pain management
- Be generous with pain medication
- Burn patients metabolize pain meds quickly
- Large doses (even in peds) may be required
- Goal is pain free, not “decreased”

Rubber Ducky

- 17 year old male presents in sudden cardiac arrest at school



Teaching Points

- BLS before ALS
- Importance of CPR/AED over advanced procedures
- Commotio Cordis term for sudden cardiac arrest from concentrated blunt trauma to chest

As Good As It Gets

- Woman has compulsive disorder that includes repetitive movements and self-injurious behavior
- Poorly treated with Lithium
- Narcan can sometimes control self injurious behaviors

Teaching Points

- Signs and symptoms of OCD include compulsive hygiene and safety behaviors, and hoarding
- Lithium is liver toxic
- Lithium overdose can result in liver failure
- Behavioral patients are not reliable historians

Carry This to the Hospital For Me

- Mr. Hill is stabbed in the skull with a knife



Teaching Points

- Kinematics, force involved in penetrating the skull
- Mortality low, but morbidity high in skull stabbings
- 250 skull stabbings each year

Out of Bounds

- 18 year old skier clotheslines himself through the mouth on rope marking the “out of bounds” area at Keystone ski resort



Teaching Points

- Use of judgment over strict application of protocol
- Inability to suction fast enough will result in aspiration and increased mortality
- BLS before ALS airway
- Intubation before cricothyroidotomy
- Importance of skills maintenance

Geriatric Abuse

- 82 year old transported for inability to urinate

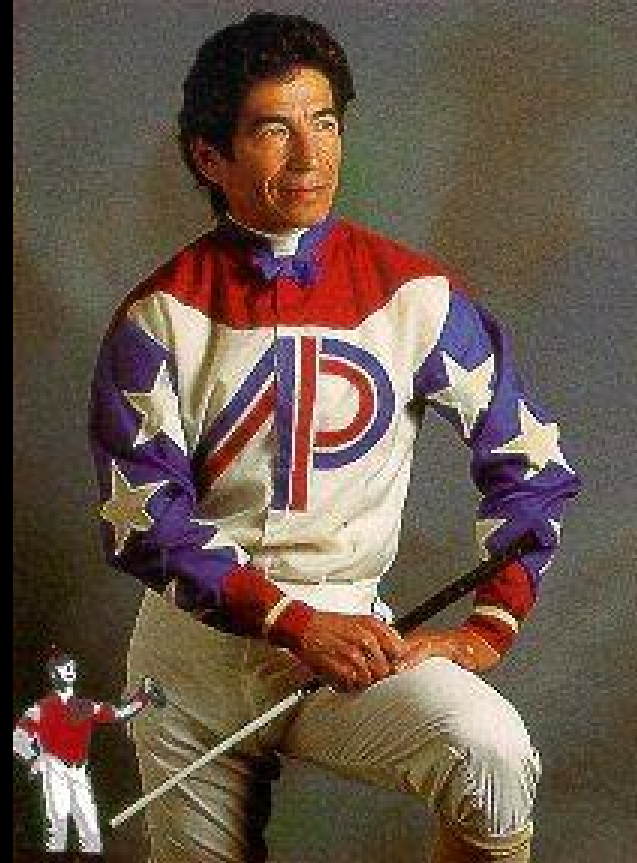


Teaching Points

- Listen to the patient
- Ask questions about health and safety of dependent patients
 - Do you like it here?
 - Are you treated well?
 - Do you have family that comes to visit you?
 - Is anyone hurting you?

Jockey Runs into the Ground

- Winningest jockey in the world walks around for two days with C-2 fracture



Teaching Points

- Use kinematics to predict injury
- C2 fractures do not all have focal neuro deficit
- Potential life threat caused by high cervical fractures

Shot Through the Heart, and You're To Blame

- 15 year old is shot in the chest with a nail gun by his father



Teaching Points

- Kinematics
- Signs and symptoms of cardiac tamponade include distended neck veins, normal breath sounds, hypotension, C/P/D skin
- Pericardial centesis is the treatment for cardiac tamponade

Airway First

- Backseat passenger has stick shifter impaled in airway



Teaching Points

- Triage
- Airway management
- Experience breeds judgment
- Knowing criteria for pronouncement

Brown Recluse Bite

- 31 year old bitten by brown recluse in car



Teaching Points

- Signs of sepsis include tachycardia, tachypnea, edema, fever, altered mental status
- Process of wound debridement and care

Bottoms Up!

- Severe rectal bleeding caused by turkey baster
 - Severe rectal hemorrhage
 - Transport position problematic
 - Discretion difficult
 - Pt lost 6' of intestine



Teaching Points

- Protecting patient dignity
- Assessing seriousness of injury
- Early notification to hospital for major trauma

Thanks for Playing

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