CONFESSIONS OF A YOUNG PRACTITIONER

My Complications-How I Handled Them & What I’ve Learned

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WE ALL HAVE SECRETS
Confession Time...
COMPLICATION
CASE #1
COMPLICATIONS
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Poor Patient-Doctor Rapport

Unmet Patient Expectations

Unexpected Large Bills

COMPLICATION

CASE #2
Foot infections are a common and serious problem in persons with diabetes. Diabetic foot infections (DFIs) typically begin in a wound, most often a neuropathic ulceration. While all wounds are colonized with microorganisms, the presence of infection is defined by ≥2 classic findings of inflammation or purulence. Infections are then classified into mild (superficial and limited in size and depth), moderate (deeper or more extensive), or severe (accompanied by systemic signs or metabolic perturbations). This classification system, along with a vascular assessment, helps determine which patients should be hospitalized, which may require special imaging procedures or surgical interventions, and which will require amputation. Most DFIs
INFORMED CONSENT IS A PROCESS
LIMITED RESULTS
Patient Expectations > Doctor Expectations

CAN'T YOU FIX THIS WAS A LASER?
I'VE HEARD THAT YOU USE STEM CELLS.

Shurnas P, Coughlin M. Recall of the risks of forefoot surgery after informed consent. *Foot Ankle Int.* 2003; 24(12):904-8
COMPLICATION
CASE #3
YIKES!
FORTHCOMING
GET READY FOR WHAT’S COMING
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EXPECT COMPLICATIONS
YOU CUT YOU CRY
EVALUATIONS
THANK YOU

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