

HUMOR IN MEDICINE

Goodnight Moon—The Medical Edition

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Now that there are two little Bennetts in my house, I spend as much time with children's literature as I do the medical kind. So the other night, as I sat down to read *Goodnight Moon* (Margaret Wise Brown, New York, Harper & Row, 1947) for the umpteenth time, I imagined the following words instead.

'HUMOR IN MEDICINE' ANECDOTE CONTEST

Do you have an amusing anecdote about one of your experiences in medicine? It can involve anything from patient care to embarrassing moments in medical school. Between now and December 1996, submit your comic morsels of up to 250 words to Anecdote Contest, c/o Howard J. Bennett, MD, Humor in Medicine Editor, 2820 McKinley Place, NW, Washington, DC 20015. Be sure to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Submissions may be abridged or edited in accordance with *JFP* style. Accepted anecdotes will appear in future issues of *JFP*. If your entry is among the top five, you will receive a free copy of the 2nd edition of Dr Bennett's book *The Best of Medical Humor*.

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In the great green room
There was an IV pole
And a swallowed balloon
And a picture of—

A nurse jumping over the moon
And there were piles of charts lined up in carts

And two hematomas
And a pair of lipomas
And an elbow on ice
And a toddler with lice

And a sty and a lush and a baby with thrush
And an impacted old lady who needed a flush

Goodnight room
Goodnight moon
Goodnight nurse jumping over the moon

Goodnight scope
And the swallowed balloon
Goodnight charts
Goodnight carts

Goodnight hematomas
And goodnight lipomas
Goodnight strokes
And goodnight pokes

Goodnight ice
And goodnight lice

Goodnight sty
And goodnight lush
Goodnight chest pain
Goodnight thrush

And goodnight to the old lady who needed a flush
Goodnight sutures
Goodnight care
Goodnight patients everywhere.