

Doctor! Doctor!

A Missionary Health Care Drama Sketch

Cast:

Doctor—if possible, speaks with a funny accent and carries a clip board that he constantly references; should be dressed with a lab coat, stethoscope, quirky glasses, and wild professor wig*

Patient—the whinier, the better; wrapped up with bandages, especially shoulder; uses a crutch

Set:

Two chairs—set facing each other, yet both turned at a diagonal toward downstage center.

(Patient enters, walking with crutch, sits in one chair. Doctor enters and looks at Patient.)

Doctor: Oh dear, what happened to you?

Patient: *(moans)* I was going up the volcano to a Nazarene Bible study, when I tripped over a boulder and fell.

Doctor: *(answer doesn't seem to bother him; looks at chart)* How can I help you?

Patient: *(impatient and anxious)* My ankle, my arm, and my head all hurt! I need immediate care!

Doctor: *(still looking at chart)* Do you have insurance?

Patient: *(whines)* Can't you get me the care I need, and then we can talk about insurance?

Doctor: *(looks up; strictly by the book)* No, first I need to know how my services will be paid.

Patient: *(grimaces, but trying to be patient)* I'm a missionary for the Church of the Nazarene. Missionary Health Care pays for my health insurance.

Doctor: *(interested; familiar with the Church of the Nazarene)* Oh, you go to the church of the Nazarene! Wonderful people, Nazarenes!

Patient: *(distressed; lots of whining)* Yes, could you please hurry? I'm in lots of pain.

Doctor: *(clueless; pats Patient's wrapped shoulder. Patient grimaces.)* Just be patient, *(sir/ma'am)*. You are so blessed! With the cost of insurance these days, you are very fortunate to have such good health care. The Church of the Nazarene provides medical care for retired and active missionaries all over the world.

Patient: *(whining even more)* Please, can you hurry up?

Doctor: *(cheerily)* Why certainly! *(points toward back of sanctuary)* My office is on the third floor. Go down this hall and up the stairs; the elevator isn't working. My office is the last door on the right. You can make an appointment with my assistant. We'll get you fixed right up. Have a good day! *(starts to walk away, talking to self)* Wonderful people, Nazarenes! *(exits)*

Patient: *(panicked at the thought; whiniest yet)* No-o-o!

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* Doctor's wig (see "wigs" and "mad scientist costume") and glasses (see "novelty sunglasses") can be purchased through Oriental Trading Company (www.orientaltrading.com).

