I want to thank the many people who took the time to write to me about how funny the nomenclature for ICD-10 can be. I agree some of the examples sent were very funny.

For example; drowning due to an accident to a watercraft is coded V90, but drowning to due to an accident on board a watercraft is V92. Notice the difference. The important issue is not the drowning but whether the insurance will have to pay for the watercraft or be liable for its malfunction. The drowning is assumed. Of course if it was suicidal drowning than you must use X71 to be correct.

Then there are the codes for accidents in a three wheeled motorized vehicle, such as a rickshaw. The code V30 is where a person is injured in a collision with an animal compared to V33 which is injury resulting from collision with a van. Please note that these codes are not applicable for motorcycles with side-cars but would be ok to use for a motorized tricycle. Are Tuttuts consider motorized rickshaws?

Since winter seems to be here you must remember that Frostbite is coded as T33, unless the underlying skin has become necrotic where you must use T34. But whatever you do, do not think you can get away with using T68, the effects of reduced temperature.

But I should give some easy examples like hypertension; Essential Hypertension is I10 unless it involves the vessels of the Brain where it would be I60 or of the Eye when it is proper to use H35.031 for the right eye or H35.032 for the left and of course if it involves the heart then I11.

ICD-10 is the 10th revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD), a medical classification list by the World Health Organization (WHO). It contains codes for diseases, signs and symptoms, abnormal findings, etc. We are probably one of the last countries to adopt ICD-10. The UK has had it since 1995 and Sweden since 1997. Even Thailand has been using this version since 2007.

Actually work on ICD-10 began in 1983 and was finished in 1992 so it is now outdated before we even started. ICD-11 is set to be introduced in 2017-18 but I assume it will be at least another 20 years before it reaches the United States. Why didn’t we just wait and skip ICD-10 at this point and go right to ICD-11? Probably because we didn’t want to put all the consultants in the United States, who have lined up to help us with this implementation, out of business. ICD-11 is being written as we speak by 78 different people from around the world. How could it be complicated?

I did find it interesting that ICD-1 started in 1900. The ICD-1 code for dropsy was IV, apoplexy was VII and too much blood was IX. It took 10 years before ICD -2 was needed and the transition from ICD-10 to 11 is the longest we have gone since 1900 before having a new ICD coding system. Somehow mankind has survived. Apoplexy is no longer listed. Next month, I will feature the implementation of the metric system in the United States.

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December 2015 Grand Rounds

DEC 3 “Cardiac Imaging”
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DEC 10 “Immunodeficiencies”
Steven Holland, MD
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DEC 17 “Hormone Replacement Therapy”
Kathryn Marko, MD
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DEC 24 HOLIDAY

DEC 31 HOLIDAY

Cardiology Grand Rounds
5:00 PM, Ross Hall, Room # 104

DEC 2 Mortality & Morbidity Conference
DEC 9 Christopher Leon Guerrero, MD
Assistant Professor of Neurology
Department of Neurology
GW Medical Faculty Associates
Update on Stroke Management

DEC 16 Carolina I Valdiviezo, MD
Director of Clinical Cardiology
Washington Hospital Center
TBA

DEC 23 HOLIDAY

DEC 30 HOLIDAY

Resident Lecture Series
December 2015 Noon Conference

DEC 1 Journal Club
DEC 2 GME Core Lecture
DEC 3 Medicine Grand Rounds
DEC 4 Recruitment
DEC 7 Recruitment
DEC 8 Clinicopathologic Conference-
Drs. Bryan Senisi and Angela Ryan
DEC 9 Recruitment
DEC 10 Medicine Grand Rounds
DEC 11 Recruitment
DEC 14 Recruitment
DEC 15 Clinicopathologic Conference-
Drs. Tina Chee and Faryal Osman
DEC 16 Recruitment
DEC 17 Medicine Grand Rounds
DEC 18 Recruitment
DEC 21 Holiday Week— No Conference
DEC 22 Holiday Week— No Conference
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2015 ACP Awards

... in the delivery of patient care; shows respect for patients, families and co-workers; demonstrates cultural sensitivity in working with patients and family members of diverse backgrounds; and engenders trust and confidence.

Robert S. Wilkinson Jr., MD, MACP. Professor Emeritus, awarded the Outstanding Volunteer Clinical Teacher Award, this award is given to someone who consistently volunteered his or her services to teach medical students and residents outside of his or her academic responsibilities. This individual should have demonstrated outstanding teaching prowess, displayed exemplary characteristics of care and concern for individual patients at the bedside, and served as a role model and mentor.

Congratulations to all!

Cuentos 2016

With a new year brings a new editorial team. This year’s team, comprised of 2nd-year residents Vani Pyda and Faryal Osman and 1st-year resident Lauren Choi, seems especially eager to receive your poems, prose, photographs, and other evidence of your artistic endeavors.

In the way of updates, there have been two exciting developments. First, courtesy of Barry Wolfman and Susan Griffiths at the GW Hospital, we now have a Cuentos gallery outside the basement Grand Rounds room.

Second, we started filming on a Cuentos documentary (of sorts) that we plan to use 1) to popularize the magazine better among our existing and potential patients and 2) to inspire other training programs (via workshops at medical conferences) to pursue a similar humanities magazine.

In short, we hope you once again join us in the pursuit of a community that celebrates the artistic side of the art of medicine, a community we call Cuentos. Submissions will be accepted from November 1 until December 15, 2015.

Cardiology News

Kudos... to Dr. Cynthia Tracy for her participation on the 2015 ACC/AHA/HRS Guideline for the Management of Adult Patients with Supraventricular Tachycardia. The American College of Cardiology (ACC) and American Heart Association (AHA) express their sincere thanks!

Kudos... to Dr. Marco Mercader for being featured in Hispanic Executive magazine. The article describes his groundbreaking research in developing a new catheter to treat atrial fibrillation.

Kudos... Drs. Ju Kim and Gurpreet Sodhi, Cardiology Fellows, for being awarded the 2015-2016 GW Heart & Vascular Institute’s Young Investigator Pilot Research Award.

**Announcement:** GW MFA is offering patient enrollment in two novel studies pertaining to amyloidosis. Both studies are part of multinational trials. We are among the very few centers nationally and currently the only site in the DMV area to offer the drug trial. The studies are aimed at gaining a better understanding of the prevalence of certain genetic mutations in amyloidosis and to offer a novel therapy for those who are confirmed to have familial amyloid cardiomyopathy. For more information regarding these studies please contact Dr. Gurusher Panjrath and/or Ms. Lorraine Marshall, clinical research nurse, at 202-741-2318.

Please Join Us In Welcoming Our Newest Addition to the Medicine Faculty

Elizabeth Hatcher, MSN, RN, FNP-BC joins the Division of General Internal Medicine at M St. this month as a Nurse Practitioner. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology at Emory University in 2000. In 2010, she completed a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. In 2015, Elizabeth earned a Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner degree at The George Washington University, School of Nursing. She is board certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner by the American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC).

Elizabeth gained patient care experience as a Nurse Technician I, PRN at the Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga, Tennessee. In her most recent position, she was a Survivorship Project Manager at The George Washington University Cancer Institute, where she navigated individual post-treatment cancer survivors through the healthcare system; collaborated with multi-disciplinary teams to coordinate “Thriving After Cancer Adult Survivorship Clinic” to provide survivorship care plans, as well as providing education courses to post-treatment patients at GW and its surrounding community. Elizabeth has two publications and has presented at a number of forums locally and regionally.

Elizabeth’s special interests are Cancer Survivorship and Preventative Medicine. She is a member of the Cancer Patient Education Network, Survivorship Committee, Oncology Nursing Society and Association of Oncology Nurse Navigators.
Rheumatology Academic Conference Schedule
December 2015

ACC Building 6B-411B (8:00 am - 9:00 am)
Ross Hall: Room 201C (9:30 am–11:30 am)
Questions? Call (202) 741-2488

DEC 3: “The Heart in Rheumatic Diseases”
Dr. Allen Solomon

DEC 3: Didactic Sessions

DEC 10: Radiology Conference
Dr. Kathleen Brindle,
Associate Professor of Radiology
Chief, Musculoskeletal Radiology
NOTE LOCATION: GWU Hospital
Radiology Conference Room

DEC 10: Didactic Sessions

DEC 17: Intra-City Rheumatology Grand Rounds
NOTE LOCATION: GWU
NOTE TIME: 7:30 AM

DEC 17: Rheumatology Division Meeting

DEC 24: HOLIDAY

DEC 31: HOLIDAY

Kudos and Congratulations

Kudos...to Cristina Burgos from a patient letter, “thank you for the remarkable accessibility and unfailing cheerfulness.”

Kudos... to Dr. Lauren Mauro, Hematology and Oncology, for receiving a letter of praise from a patient, “...she was phenomenal, and I count myself lucky to be under her care.”

Kudos...to Dr. Danielle Krol, Heme/Onc fellow, for helping with the formation of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Sponsored “Oncology Research Society” at GW.

Kudos... to Drs. Marie Borum and Matthew Chandler, Gastroenterology, on their 2 abstracts accepted for presentation at the 2016 Innovations in Medical Education Conference.

Congratulations... to Dr. Ginger Winston, Division of General Internal Medicine, for her published manuscript, “The Relationship between Social Network Body Size and the Body Size Norms of Black and Hispanic Adults” in Preventive Medicine Reports Journal.

Congratulations... to Dr. Courtney Paul, Chief Resident, and his wife Lauren, on the arrival of baby Cooper Max Paul born on November 10th.

See you next month! The Editor

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