LIGHTER READING

Lighter Side of Medicine

THE PAINTINGS

OR

A man was standing in a gallery, studying two near-identical pictures by the same artist. Both showed a glass of wine, a basket of bread rolls, a bowl of salad and a plate of smoked salmon.

Yet one painting was priced \$150, the other at \$125.

So, he asked the gallery owner to explain why one was more expensive than the other.

"It's simple," said the gallery owner, indicating the more expensive painting.

"You get two extra slices of smoked salmon in that one."

21ST CENTURY MARRIAGE

I stopped at a florist shop after work to pick up roses for my wife. As the clerk was putting the finishing touches on the bouquet, a young man burst through the door, breathlessly requesting a dozen red roses.

"I'm sorry," the clerk said. "This man just ordered our last bunch."

The desperate customer turned to me and begged, "May I please have those roses?"

"What happened?" I asked. "Did you forget your wedding anniversary?"

"It's even worse than that," he confided. "I crashed my wife's hard drive!"

SALES PRACTICE

The out-of-work newlywed took a temporary job as a vacuum cleaner salesman to make ends meet. After 3 days of intensive training, the sales manager told him to go home and practice his pitch on his wife.

The next morning, the manager asked the novice how he made out.

"Well," the man began, "I did what you said, and after I finished, I asked her if she would buy the vacuum cleaner from me. She said 'Yes.' Then I asked her 'Why?' She replied, 'Because I love you."

OLD AGE SECRET

Grandpa was celebrating his 100th birthday and everybody complimented him on how athletic and well-preserved he appeared.

"Gentlemen, I will tell you the secret of my success," he cackled. "I have been in the open air day after day for some 75 years now."

The celebrants were impressed and asked how he managed to keep up his rigorous fitness regime.

"Well, you see my wife and I were married 75 years ago. On our wedding night, we made a solemn pledge. Whenever we had a fight, the one who was proved wrong would go outside and take a walk."

I'M NOT GOING TO DO THAT!!

Tech support: "Okay Colin, let's press the control and escape keys at the same time. That brings up a task list in the middle of the screen. Now type the letter "P" to bring up the Program Manager."

Customer: I don't have a P.

Tech support: On your keyboard, Colin.

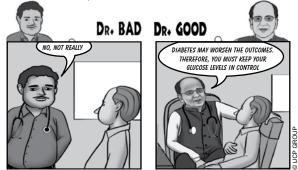
Customer: What do you mean?

Tech support: "P" on your keyboard, Colin.

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Dr. Good and Dr. Bad

SITUATION: A known case of diabetes mellitus was diagnosed with COPD in the recent past. He was worried if his diabetes would have an impact on this disease.



LESSON: According to a study published in the *PloS One* journal, diabetes mellitus, either pre-existing or incident, often worsens the outcomes in patients with COPD. Thus, targeted surveillance and management of diabetes hold great importance in the care of COPD population. *PLoS One.* 2017;12(4):e0175794.