

"How can you laugh at that?" A Closer Look at the Use of Humor in Nursing

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I love these kind
of talks...

What kind of humor
do nurses have?

Sick,
Warped,
& Twisted!

Have you happened to
have noticed, that we
laugh--out loud--at things
that normal people do
not find funny?

The Story With My
In-Laws Where
I Figured This Out!

The Use of Nursing Humor

- Proceed with caution!
- We laugh together
- We cry alone

Our Work:

- What we see...
- What we know...
- What we take home
with us...

Nurse Type Behaviors

- Patricia Benner

 - ◆ “From Novice To Expert”

- Critical Thinking

- Nursing Intuition

Some of Our “Behaviors”

- The things we do...
- The things we say...
- Our families and our children: “God help ‘em!”

The Nun and the Stripper

“He’s oriental.”

“I’m hurtin’ in my
semi-privates.”

“Nurse, I done fell out.”

God Save the Queen!



“He uses a
Provolone inhaler.”

“I got the vomickin
& the diarrears!”

The Little Old Lady Having Mini-Stroke

D.O.A.

versus

D.R.T.

“I am crazy.
I mean, I am really crazy.
Hell, I’m tripolar!”

“My girlfriend has mental
problems...
she’s bipolaroid.”

“It was a rusty nail so
I know I need a
technical shot.”

“I had a linguini hernia
down there.”

The Drunk Guy With The Head Injury

“We had to use that
Kentucky jelly.”

“She had a pelvic shazam.”

“Smilin’ Mighty Jesus!”

“I’ve got fireballs
of the Eucharist.”

“I’m allergic to Vicodin 5mg...
but I can take the 7.5mg!”

Nurse asks the question:
“Are you sexually active?”

The three best answers...

“No, I’m married.”

“No, but my husband is!”

“Not really...
I just lay there.”

Untold Stories of the E.R.

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If laughter, in the often grueling
moments of life, maintains our
sanity for one more month, week,
hour, or even one more minute...
then it's well worth it!

Thank you!

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