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We've all had that hysterical patient. The one that comes in during a busy shift. Grabbing at their head, their chest, their abdomen. Yelling out that they are in pain.

You know the one. They makes the nurses' eyes roll. They add to an already chaotic scene. Other patients stop to watch as the gurney rolls by.

You debate how long you're going to wait to go into the room when the triage nurse hands you the chart and tells you the patient is so agitated that they can't give her a history. The EMS crew tells you the call came out as a chest pain, a headache, an abdominal pain.

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