



Let us take care of the patient!

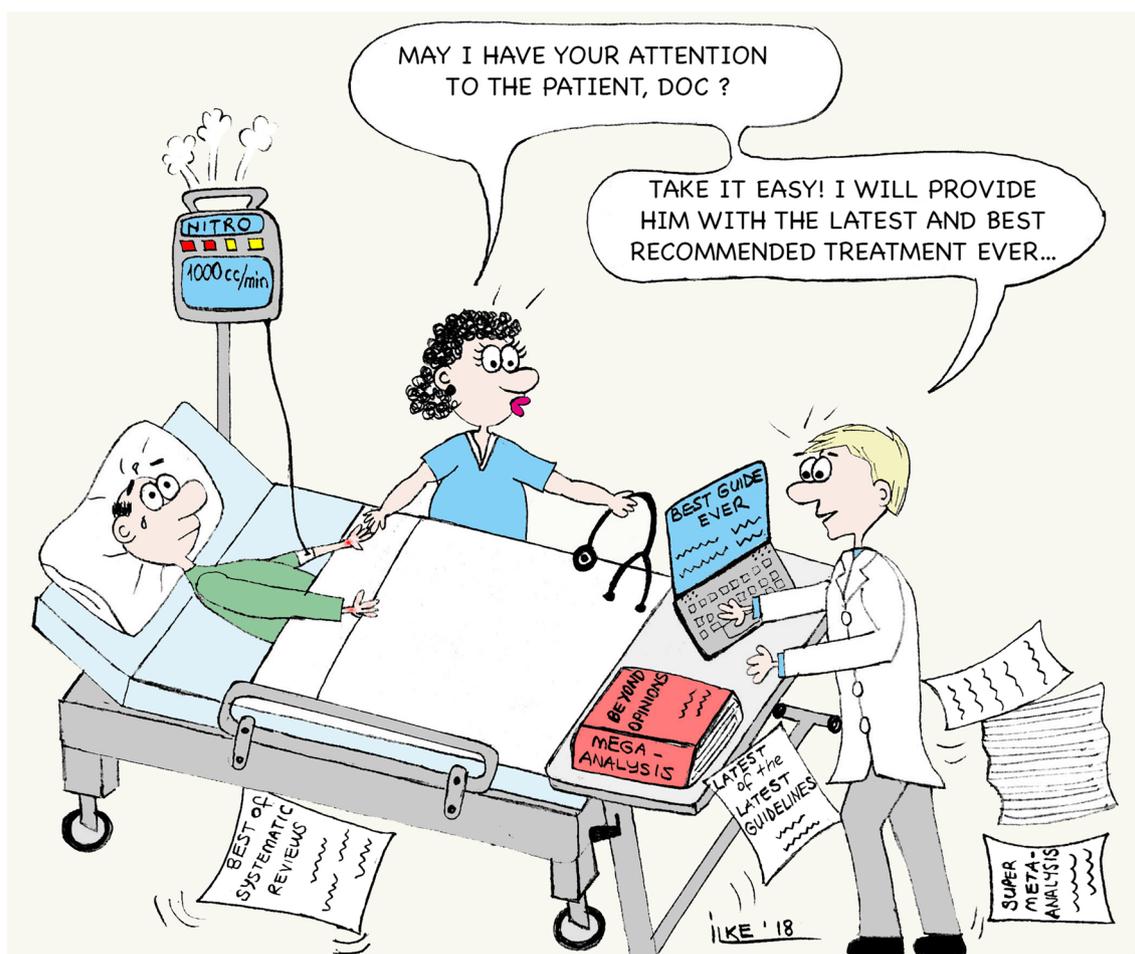
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Abstract

Treating the patient—not only the disease itself—is important in daily clinical practice. Herein, a short text and a related cartoon on patient care are provided.

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Scientific evidence and evidence-based practice have crucial roles in medicine. Thus, providing scientific evidence on

particular diseases by scholarly articles such as systematic reviews and meta-analysis is of great importance. Yet, is it enough for the management of a patient? None of us would reply as “Yes, of course!”.

In daily clinical practice, the physician should definitely deal with the disease. Nevertheless, the patient should be the target of management. Since, patients stand with their thoughts, needs, and expectations, not only with their diseases. Besides, presentation of the symptoms and signs of a particular disease might differ among patients.

A quote by Sir William Osler reads “The good physician treats the disease; the great physician treats the patient who has the disease”.

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