

Gathering All the Tools

The doctor made a visit to the Smith home late one night.

“Right this way, Doc,” said Mr. Smith. “My wife is upstairs, and she’s in a lot of pain.”



After a few minutes, the doctor came downstairs and asked Mr. Smith for an ice pick. Mr. Smith obliged, and the doctor returned to his patient.

Mr. Smith could hear his wife moaning in pain when the doctor appeared and asked for a screwdriver and hammer.

“Doc, is my wife going to be okay?” Mr. Smith asked nervously as he handed the doctor the tools.

“I have no idea,” the doctor replied. “I can’t get my darn medical bag open.”

The story brings a chuckle, but it does illustrate a point:

We human beings are quick to jump to conclusions when we don’t have all the facts.

In health care, in particular, it is wise to know what we are talking about.

– Beecher Hunter