

Medical Match

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Suggestions for Patients and Providers

Patients get nervous at appointments, and providers have limited time. This relationship is a cooperative venture. The *Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality* has a list of 10 top questions which open communication between patients and providers:

1. What is this test for?
2. How many times have you done this procedure?
3. When will I get the results?
4. Why do I need this treatment?
5. Are there any alternatives?
6. What are the possible complications?
7. What hospital is best for my needs?
8. How do you spell the name of that drug?
9. Are there any side effects?
10. Will this medicine interact with medicines I am already taking?

Hotel Tips

It's travel time, and we all like helpful information. From Bottom Lines Personal hotel secrets:

Best Rate: Call the hotel's local number and talk to the manager on duty, general manager or director of sales. They have the authority to negotiate rates.

Reserve right after 6:00pm (4:00 NY and San Francisco.) This is when hotels delete all the no-show reservations that were not secured by credit cards. They will be ready to offer rooms at bargain prices.

Negotiate: Need to make many long distance calls? Ask about their per-day flat fee for local and long distance in the US. Usually \$9.95. Parking lot half empty? Offer less than the daily rate.

Hotel full: Ask about out-of-order rooms. Say you are willing to take it if it has only minor problems.

Keep an eye on your bag. Walk with your bellhop to your room or hold your bags in a secure room.

Sanitizing rooms: Travel with antibacterial wipes and clean the phone, TV remote, clock radio, door knobs. These are least likely to be cleaned. Ask for clean blankets and extra pillows when you arrive.

Country Wisdom

***A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.** * *Great sermons are lived, not preached.* *Every path has a few puddles. * The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every morning. *Always drink upstream from the herd ***Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.** * Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a Rain dance. *When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty. * *If you think you are a person of influence, try ordering someone else's dog around.* * **Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you will enjoy it a second time.**