

AONGUS COLLINS



GOVERNMENT

HEALTH

WARNING

A selection of cartoons from *The Irish Times Health Supplement*



"I've brought my own bed with me."



“Now there’s even a shortage of trolleys...”



“With all the extra money the government has allocated, you certainly get a better class of queue...”



*“By a complete accident,
I got emergency treatment
within an hour.”*



“And here’s one of me being carried out of the office party and into A & E..”



*“Bacardi & Coke, 6 double-vodkas
and 8 pints of stout, luv.”*



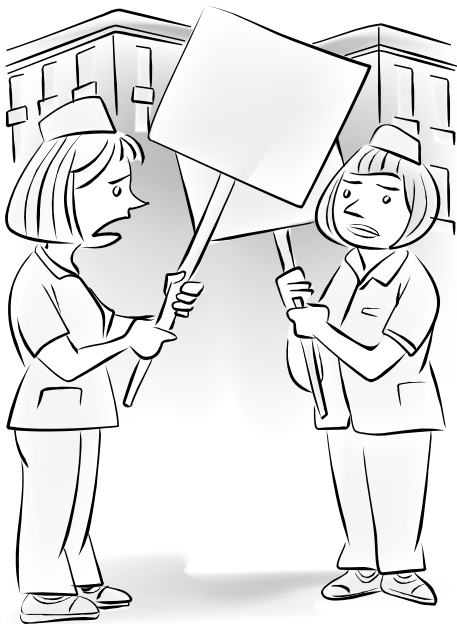
*“There’s no doctor available, but
would you like to speak to a TV crew?”*



"It'll be 48 hours instead."



*“New rules – you’ll have to blow
in this before we let you in.”*



*"I've been waiting 8 hours
for an A & E demo."*



"I'm on a waiting list for a trolley."



*“Want to move on to a nightclub, or
will we head straight for A&E?”*



“There’s been another computer glitch – I got a bed without queuing.”



“The odds are even more astronomical...”



“Headache, nausea, vomiting... and that was just the waiting room.”

ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES



“I believe in alternative therapy — it’s called private medicine.”

ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES



“When you wake up, you will no longer feel hypnotherapy is a waste of money.”

ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES



*“Health reform...health reform...
your eyelids are getting heavy...
you are feeling sleepy.”*

ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES



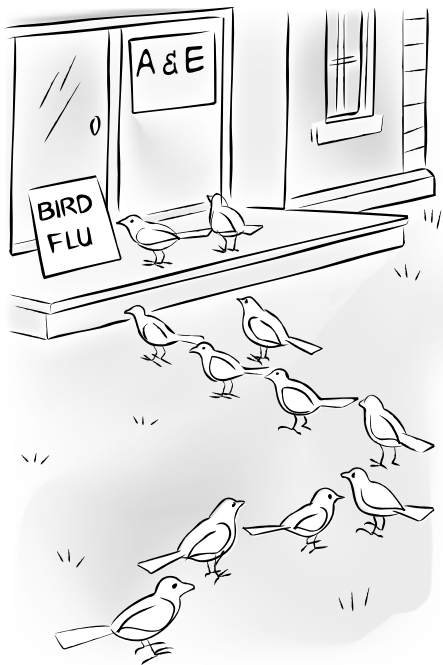
"I'm switching to generic herbs."

BIRD FLU

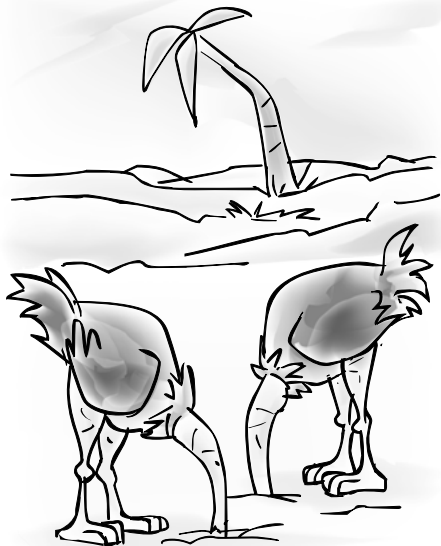


*“Don’t worry about d’oul bird flu.
All our stock is full of antibiotics.”*

BIRD FLU



BIRD FLU



“I agree – we have nothing to fear from bird flu.”

BIRD FLU



"They've caught the avian flu..."

BIRD FLU



*“Your chicken supreme, sir, and a
flu jab, compliments of the house.”*

BIRD FLU



DIET



*“A new study has found a link
between obesity and food.”*

DIET



DIET



*“You tested negative
for muscle tissue.”*

DIET



"It comes to €34.78."

DIET



"We are what we eat, Mr Murphy."

DOCTORS



*“Six Hellos, Doctor, pre-wrinkled
and torn for your waiting room.”*

DOCTORS



"Private patients – rear entrance, please"

DOCTORS



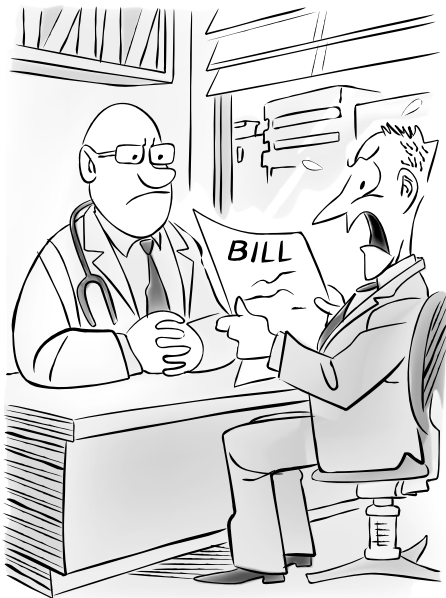
*“You have an illness, but it doesn’t involve
a waiting list.”*

DOCTORS



*“I don’t want to be seen, screened, tested or treated.
Just cured.”*

DOCTORS



*“Would you settle for €500
and a kidney?”*

DOCTORS



“Want to play doctors?”

DOCTORS



“You have a condition we call MDU. I’m afraid it’s untreatable.”

DOCTORS



*“There’s nothing wrong with you
that a massive increase in health
spending can’t cure.”*

DOCTORS



"First the good news..."

DOCTORS



*“In my considered opinion,
consultants are not greedy.
That will be €180, please.”*

DOCTORS



*“But I thought the consultants
were cleaning up.”*

DOCTORS



“Blood sample? No, I want a pound of flesh.”

DOCTORS



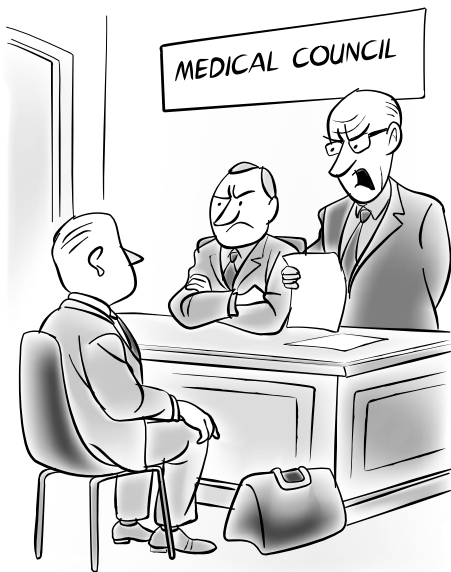
*“Oh no! I got enough points
for Medicine.”*

DOCTORS



“Irritable, tired, not getting enough sleep... but enough about me.”

DOCTORS



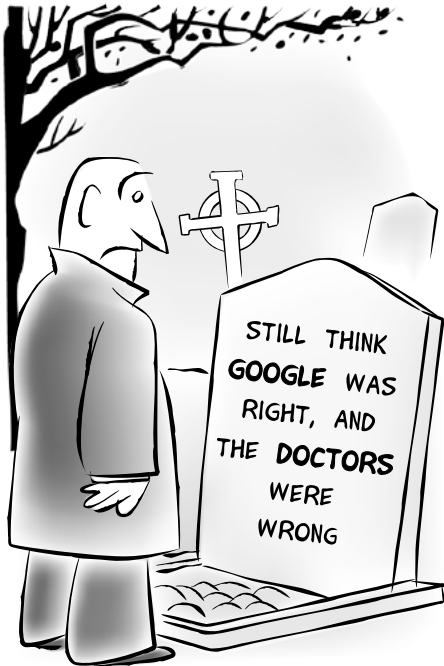
*“Your conduct was so outrageous
it demands the ultimate sanction –
we’re reporting you to Eddie Hobbs.”*

DOCTORS



“Swab...scalpel...insurance premium.”

DOCTORS



DOCTORS



"Yell, barrack and roar for more money!"

SMOKING, DRINKING AND DRUGS



*“Do you have a job that will
innoculate me against Christmas?”*

SMOKING, DRINKING AND DRUGS



“In clinical trials, seven out of ten mice were anxious and aggressive after exposure to our share performance.”

DOCTORS



"I can't make out a word of this application. You're accepted!"

SMOKING, DRINKING AND DRUGS



*“I disapprove of drugs – except of course
for recreational purposes.”*

SMOKING, DRINKING AND DRUGS



“Is there one for livers?”

SMOKING, DRINKING AND DRUGS



“Is it the Prozac, or was that paper particularly easy?”

SMOKING, DRINKING AND DRUGS



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*“Have you any heart illness,
allergies... Olympic ambitions?”*

SMOKING, DRINKING AND DRUGS



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*“So you’ve managed to stay
off the cigarettes.”*

SMOKING, DRINKING AND DRUGS



*“I think we can take you off the
tranquillisers now.”*

SMOKING, DRINKING AND DRUGS

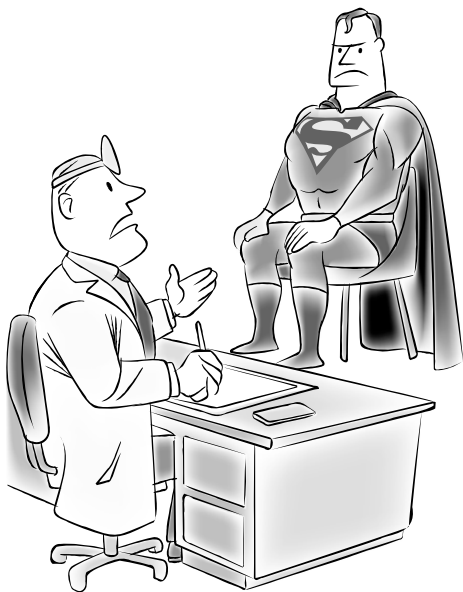


SMOKING, DRINKING AND DRUGS



“And what do you plan to do with the rest of your SSIA?”

SMOKING, DRINKING AND DRUGS

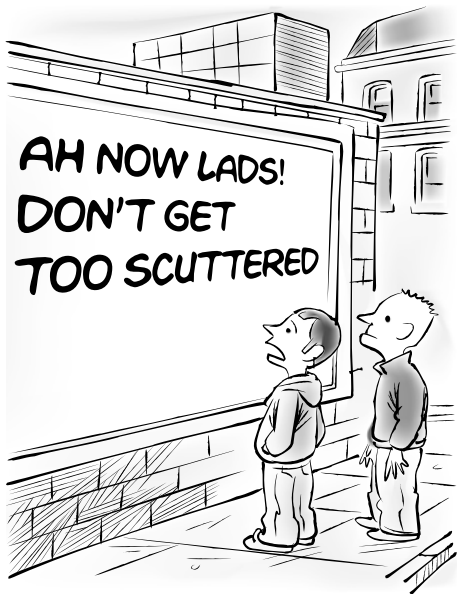


“I’m taking you off the steroids.”

SMOKING, DRINKING AND DRUGS



“This patch will help you give up everything.”



“Diageo are stepping up their responsible drinking campaign.”

SMOKING, DRINKING AND DRUGS



*“Can I have some of whatever
Michael McDowell’s on?”*

SMOKING, DRINKING AND DRUGS



*"Pencils, markers, books...
morning-after pill."*

SMOKING, DRINKING AND DRUGS



*“Yes, the treatment was
tested on rats.”*

SMOKING, DRINKING AND DRUGS



“No, Guard, honest – I am on a natural high due to my balanced diet, exercise regime and healthy lifestyle.”

SMOKING, DRINKING AND DRUGS



“So when the publican next door defied the smoking ban...same again?”

SMOKING, DRINKING AND DRUGS



“Your son got an A in Maths, but failed the random drug test.”

SMOKING, DRINKING AND DRUGS



*“We have reason to believe that you
gave cigars for Christmas...”*

FITNESS



“We will show the accused guilty of the most heinous offence: obesity.”

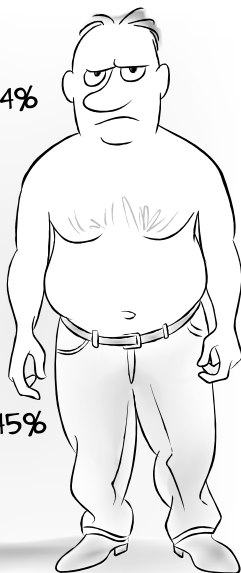
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ALCOHOL..... 24%

SUGAR 10%

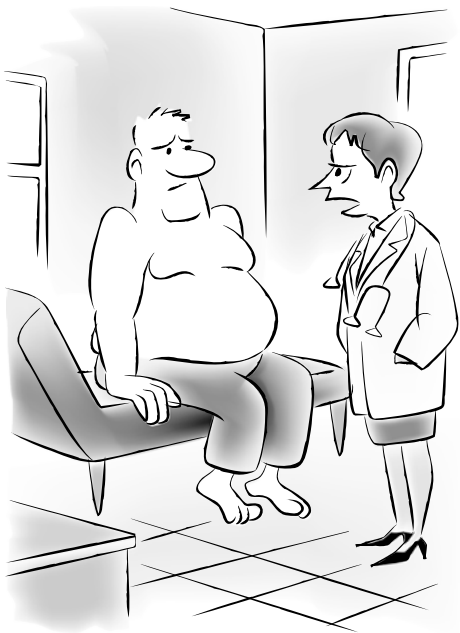
FAT..... 21%

CARBO-
HYDRATE 45%



IRISH FOOD LABELLING

FITNESS



“You need a lifestyle transplant.”

FITNESS



“I think I can see the problem.”

FITNESS



“I unlocked my potential.”

FITNESS



*“It fitted fine when I gave it to you
on Christmas Day.”*

POLITICS



“Heard the one about the Minister who said she’d reform the Health Service?”



*“The national flu strategy
needs urgent revision.”*

POLITICS



*“We’re finally rolling out the
PPARS system.”*

POLITICS



“More hospital waste.”

POLITICS



“This new computer system will tell us exactly how much money we’ve wasted on the other computer systems.”



“The good news is we’re introducing a great new pension scheme. The bad news is that you have to stick around long enough to draw it.”

POLITICS



“How do you like your face transplant, Mr Cowen?”

POLITICS



“The HSE is re-advertising for a CEO.”

POLITICS



“I have this recurring nightmare they’re going to offer me the top job at the HSE.”

POLITICS



“The bad news is you’re suffering from memory loss. The good news is that it’s confined to meetings awith the Revenue years ago.”

POLITICS



*“The health inspector is sending
me home tomorrow.”*