TRAUMEDY: THE ART OF MAKING BRAIN INJURY FUNNY

A TALK BY MIMI HAYES
BAD DATE?
MY BRAIN GOES BOOM!
UPDATE for friends and family: After 3 long days, many pokes and MRI’s, and truly lovely nurse visits, I have been released from the hospital on good behavior. I will be resting at home for the next 3-4 weeks while my brain heals. My stability and vision are still kind of impaired (picture a drunk person haha) but I am otherwise fine. But don’t you think for one second that some silly brain hemorrhage will keep me down. You heard me Denver Half Marathon, I’m coming for you in October baby! 😊
can you die of cavernous angioma

Angioma Alliance -- Cerebral Cavernous Angioma and Hemorrhage
www.angiomaalliance.org/pages.aspx?content=69
by J Hoch - Related articles
The majority of cavernous angioma lesions don't bleed and the one's that do normally don't bleed suddenly and quickly, but they leak slowly. This page provides ...

Basic Cavernous Angioma Information - Angioma Alliance
Mar 20, 2018 - Risks of any surgery, including cavernous angioma, include stroke, paralysis, coma or death, although these complications are rare with modern surgery performed by expert neurosurgeons.

People also ask
Are Cavernomas life threatening?
Are Cavernomas dangerous?
Is a cavernous angioma a brain tumor?
What causes a cavernous angioma?
“We were overcome by a grim sense of humor. We knew that we had nothing to lose except our so ridiculously naked lives. When the showers started to run, we all tried very hard to make fun, both about ourselves and about each other. After all, real water did flow from the sprays!” - Viktor Frankl
To Be Destroyed

Dear Family,

If anyone finds this it means something bad happened today... Wait.

I just want all of you to know that I love you so much and my time on this Earth has been pleasant because of you (now it's weird to actually write something like this... I hope you don't ever have to read this...).

I know in my heart that we will be together again... probably tomorrow, because you don't actually need to read this... because I'm fine, and I've already destroyed this letter and joked to you all about writing it. This is ridiculous.

I'm going to bed. See you tomorrow, you'll never see this letter.

And Tucker: Stay Golden.

And sorry about all the leftovers I left in the fridge...

One more thing: I have a diary lying around somewhere... happy hunting?

Love, M
TRAUMEDY: Noun

“The art of making one’s trauma into comedic material.”
Brain Aneurysm Statistics and Facts

The annual rate of rupture is approximately 8 – 10 per 100,000 people or about 30,000 people in the United States suffer a brain aneurysm rupture. There is a brain aneurysm rupturing every 18 minutes. Ruptured brain aneurysms are fatal in about 40% of cases. Of those who survive, about 66% suffer some permanent neurological deficit.

Approximately 15% of patients with aneurysmal subarachnoid hemorrhage (SAH) die before reaching the hospital. Most of the deaths from subarachnoid hemorrhage are due to rapid and massive brain injury from the initial bleeding which is not correctable by medical and surgical interventions.

4 out of 7 people who recover from a ruptured brain aneurysm will have disabilities.

Brain aneurysms are most prevalent in people ages 35 – 60, but can occur in children as well. The median age when aneurysmal hemorrhagic stroke occurs is 50 years old and there are typically no warning signs. Most aneurysms develop after the age of 40.

Most aneurysms are small, about 1/8 inch to nearly one inch, and an estimated 50 to 80 percent of all aneurysms do not rupture during the course of a person’s lifetime. Aneurysms larger than one inch are referred to as “giant” aneurysms and can pose a particularly high risk and can be difficult to treat.

Women, more than men, suffer from brain aneurysms at a ratio of 3:2. 

African-Americans at twice the rate of rupture of whites (a 2.1:1 ratio)

Hispanics at nearly twice the rate of rupture of whites (a 1.67:1 ratio)

Ruptured brain aneurysms account for 3 – 5% of all new strokes.

Subarachnoid hemorrhage (SAH) is one of the most feared causes of acute headache upon presentation to the emergency department. Headache accounts for 1 – 2% of the emergency room visits and up to 4% of visits to the primary care offices. Among all...
I’ll Be OK,
It’s Just a Hole in My Head

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References


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