

## Patient sketches

## “SAME QUESTIONS”

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And all these doctors coming over to ask me the same questions,  
but always just a little bit different.

I still don't know which one is my doctor.

He's a young fella, you know, roundy face,  
the one who told me my oxygen wasn't low enough  
to come in the hospital.

But then when one of the big doctors came by —  
the doctor with more years of experience —  
and he saw me so short of breath, and said,  
“Yes, but when it's PCP ...”

and he thought a minute and asked,  
“Say, did you have that oxygen tube on  
when they took that blood from your wrist?”

I think I had.

“Admit him!”

PCP: *Pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia, since renamed *Pneumocystis jiroveci*.

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This sketch and note date back more than  
three decades.

