

Kopman Surgeon Skit

We all know what a great caller Lee Kopman is, and how lucky we are that he decided to pursue this career 50 years ago. But think of all the people that missed out on his brilliance. Should he have taken a different path he would have been accomplished in whatever profession he chose. Here's a look at Lee Kopman the Heart Surgeon.

Doctor: *Everyone, listen to your surgeon. Shhh, Shhh. Today I will be performing the Kopman Valve Replacement Procedure. I wrote it.*

Nurse: Doctor, that's a fascinating new look for you.

Doctor: *It's my Pirates of the Caribbean look. My wife Lilith said I needed to be a little more hip. Arrrrrg!*

Nurse: And those gloves are Something New!
(Doctor is wearing dishwashing gloves)

Doctor: *Oh these. My son Steve said I needed to get some new material, so I picked these up.*

Nurse: Doctor, I think the patient is under now.



[Monitor shows - slow pulse]

Monitor: *Beep...beep...beep...*

Doctor: (Knocks on patients head) *She's looking good!
Initially I'll make an incision and peel off the skin.
Then I'll roll back and spread her ribs and cut into the
pericardium sac. Using the **Kopman Clamp**, I invented
it, I will hold open the tissue and pop out the defective
valve. Finally, I will implant the new aortic valve with
the patented Kopman cusps, I invented it, then weave in a
few stitches, a nip and tuck, and voila, I'm finished.*

Nurse: Doctor, my husband and I have dinner
plans with Debbie and Vic Ceder, so please
don't do one of your long closings. *(Pause)*

(DOCTOR DOES DOUBLETAKE)

Doctor, the patient's twisted the lines.

Doctor: *Well, switch the line for your surgeon.*

(THE NURSE struggles with the lines.)

Nurse: I can't get it.

Doctor: *Don't make me come down there.*
(Doctor starts operating again)

Nurse: Doctor, I think the patient is waking up.



[Monitor shows - rapid pulse]

Monitor: *Beep, beep, beep, beep, beep...*

Doctor: *Don't blame me, I'm operating good.*

(DOCTOR uses a mallet on the patient)

(DOCTOR starts again but slips)

[Monitor shows - slow pulse]

Nurse: Doctor, you just slipped and cut through the aorta. You must have zipped when you should have zagged

Doctor: *That wasn't a mistake. I'm using the Kopman Alter and Circulate, I invented it.*

PATIENT: (Sits Up) Are we there yet?

[Monitor shows - rapid pulse]

Doctor: *You're not going home until you get this.*

(DOCTOR holds up the valve)

PATIENT: (Points dreamily at the valve)

Doctor: *Don't point. Be mature.*

(DOCTOR bops patient with mallet)

[Monitor shows - slow pulse]

Nurse: That's not one of those recycled ones is it? I know how you love to recycle.

Doctor: *Of course not. I always use new material.*



[Monitor shows - arrest pulse]

Monitor: *Beep beep beep beep...*

(THE NURSE looks at the monitor)

Nurse: Doctor, she's in arrest.

Doctor: *Quick, hand me the paddles!*

THE NURSE gives him ping-pong paddles)

Doctor: *Not ping-pong paddles! I asked you nice.*

(He gets the crash paddles)

Charge to 300.

Monitor: *Charged to 300.*

[Thump noise as Doctor uses paddles on patient]

Nurse: It's no use; you're losing her!

Doctor: *Charge to 360.*

Monitor: *Charged to 360.*

Doctor: *You don't have to repeat everything I say.*

[Thump noise as Doctor uses paddles]

Nurse: She's trailing off.

Doctor: *We need more power.*

(DOCTOR uses jumper cables) [Zap sound]

Doctor: *I've got to do CPR.*

(DOCTOR pulls down mask, tries CPR – twice)

Doctor: *Does anyone see Lilith anywhere?* (Doctor kisses patient passionately)



[Monitor shows - flatline]

Monitor: *Beeeeeeeeeeeeeeep.....*

Nurse: You've killed her now for sure. (Nurse takes pulse) She's gone. Do you want to call it?

Doctor: *Call it?... Call it?... Heads... step out to the right... plan ahead, expand the column...*

THE PATIENT'S leg starts to move

Nurse: It's working Doctor. Whatever you're doing keep it up. She's going crazy.

Doctor: *Hey, who's calling this anyway? Trip the set, explode the top, spin chain the line, swing the gamut...*

[Monitor shows - rapid pulse]

(PATIENT starts to dance from the waist down)

Nurse: Dr. Kopman, you saved her. You're a god. What is this magic?

Doctor: *It's called... Square Dancing. I think I invented it.*

Nurse: Ah So.

Doctor: *I wrote that call! Bow to your nurse. (Surgeon bows to nurse) And your monitor too. Thank your caller. Clap, Clap, Clap.*

John: Well Lee, it's probably too late for you to start Medical School, so we're anticipating 50 more years of spectacular calling. And in commemoration of your first 50 years Trailblazers has a presentation for you.