

Clinical Scenarios & Songs That Pair Well Together

We all know about performing CPR to **The Bee Gees' Stayin' Alive**. That got us thinking: Maybe we should think of [songs](#) for other clinical scenarios. Next time any of the following situations come up, consider singing these tunes aloud. And please feel free to share any other clinical scenarios & songs that pair well together!

Your patient...

... asks for a chaplain: **Bon Jovi's "Livin' on a Prayer"**

... asks for double portions: **Neko Case's "People Got a Lotta Nerve"**

... asks you for pain medication again: **Aerosmith's "Dream On"**

... [asks you for pain medication again and you oblige](#): **The Who's "Won't Get Fooled Again"**

... develops delirium tremens (DTs): **Brad Paisley's "Alcohol"**

... [develops heart failure after a major holiday](#): **Zac Brown Band's "Chicken Fried"**

... finally gets [placed](#) in a nursing home or rehab after several weeks: **Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah"**

... has a fever: **Nelly's "Hot in Herre"**

... has a more exciting life than you: **Metallica's "Sad But True"**

... has an atrial or ventricular septal defect: **Extreme's "Hole Hearted"**

... has an aortic dissection: **Natalie Imbruglia's "Torn"**

... has been denied by 50 rehab facilities: **Grateful Dead's "I Need a Miracle"**

... has delusional parasitosis: **Dave Matthews Band's "Ants Marching"**

... has miosis & respiratory depression: **The Velvet Underground's "Heroin"**

... has pretty foul-smelling *C. diff*: **Britney Spears' "Toxic"**

... has profuse hemoptysis, hematemesis, or hematuria: **Slayer's "Raining Blood"**

... [is cussing you out](#): **Aretha Franklin's "Respect"**

... is cussing you out and now it's pissing you off: **Cee Lo Green's "F**k You"**

... is diagnosed with Fournier's gangrene: **Jerry Lee Lewis' "Great Balls of Fire"**

... is diagnosed with hemochromatosis: **Black Sabbath's "Iron Man"**

... is diagnosed with something that ends in -ella, like Salmonella: **Rihanna's "Umbrella"**

... is diagnosed with sporotrichosis: **Poison's "Every Rose Has Its Thorn"**

... is discharged: **Ray Charles' "Hit the Road Jack"**

... is having pseudoseizures: [Taylor Swift's "Shake It Off"](#)

... is hypoglycemic: **Def Leppard's "Pour Some Sugar on Me"**

... is hypotensive: **Toots and the Maytals' "Pressure Drop"**

... is kind of sketch: **Radiohead's "Creep"**

... [is leaving against medical advice \(AMA\)](#): **LeAnn Rimes' "How Do I Live (Without You)?"**

... is markedly deconditioned: **Maroon 5's "Never Gonna Leave This Bed"**

... is meeting you for the first time: [Eminem's "My Name Is..."](#)

... is named Jeremy: **Pearl Jam's "Jeremy"**

... is not doing well and you need some support: **The Beatles' "Help"**

... is not doing well but you got this: **Survivor's "Eye of the Tiger"**

... is off the floor so you can't write a [progress note](#): **Pink Floyd's "Wish You Were Here"**

... is on pain medications and high: **Pink Floyd's "Comfortably Numb"**

... is on pain medications and zonked: **The Ramones' "I Wanna Be Sedated"**

... is one of [ten straight admissions](#) in the past one hour: **The Beach Boys' "God Only Knows"**

... is pregnant: **Madonna's "Like a Virgin"**

... is pregnant then gives birth on July 4th: **Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the U.S.A."**

... [is reasonable, nice, and cooperative](#): **Etta James' "At Last"**

... is on the ventilator: **The Police's "Every Breath You Take"**

... is seen by infectious diseases: **Monty Python's "Medical Love Song"**

... is tachycardic, has rhabdomyolysis, but denies drug use: **Eric Clapton's "Cocaine"**

... [is the closest thing you've had to a date in months](#): **Hank Williams' "I'm So Lonely I Could Cry"**

... is way more pleasant than your colleague's patient: **Garth Brooks' "Friends in Low Places"**

... just pushed a button that not many can press: **Disturbed's "Down with the Sickness"**

... keeps refusing stuff and you've had it: **Alabama Shakes' "Don't Wanna Fight"**

... might have multiple personalities: **De La Soul's "Me, Myself and I"**

... needs a medication STAT: **Salt-N-Pepa's "Push It"**

... [needs a sitter](#): **Heart's "Alone"**

... needs an arthrocentesis, thoracentesis, paracentesis, or [spinal tap](#): **Nirvana's "Drain You"**

... says "Thank you" and means it: **Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You"**

... shows you their infected pannus: **Right Said Fred's "I'm Too Sexy"**

... suffers from pica or hypothermia: **Vanilla Ice's "Ice Ice Baby"**

... treats you like crap, then you run into your boss: **Johnny Paycheck's "Take This Job and Shove It"**

... walks around in their hospital gown with the backside untied: **Sir Mix-A-Lot's "Baby Got Back"**

... won't stop talking and talking, so you intubate them: **No Doubt's "Don't Speak"**

... works with [physical therapy](#): **The Bangles' "Walk Like an Egyptian"**

... works with speech therapy: **Joan Baez's "The Swallow Song"**