

Surgeon Rips on Nurses, Hospitalists, and ER Docs, and Twitter Delivers a Massive Takedown

TWITTERVERSE - A [colorectal surgeon](#) posted a rant about the care he received in an odd location "Psychology Today." The rant, which since has been taken down, ripped on everyone he came in contact with and a few below the belts shots. Luckily the internet provided balance to this behavior particular from his peers. His rebuttal to the 'backlash' was posted (link below). Don't worry he didn't apologize for his words and actions, but *did* apologize for everyone misunderstanding him.

If you would like to read the original article, the internet is forever and can be read [HERE](#).

When the Charge Nurse answered pleasantly, I didn't speak. *I yelled*. Some fragments of that yelling monologue:

"My mother had a TIA more than 24 hours ago, and you still haven't looked at her carotid arteries! She'd be safer in a grocery store!"

"Even first year medical students knows that my mother needed a carotid artery ultrasound hours ago!"

"Would you allow YOUR mother to be treated, or I should say, NOT TREATED this way?!"

"If your damn doctor doesn't call me from the damn radiology suite with the results of a damn ultrasound of my mother's damn carotid ultrasound within the next 15 minutes, I will transfer her to a REAL hospital, after which I will come down there with my damn lawyer and make all of your lives a living hell!"

The Charge Nurse said not a word throughout this tirade. When I was done, she softly and sadly spoke.

The original tweet:

.@HuffingtonPost@NYTHealth I spent last weekend in the Emergency Room...yelling! <https://t.co/bbCA5RRRRN>

— Dr. Peter Edelstein (@OwnYourCancer) [February 27, 2017](#)

Then of course we chimed in:

@OwnYourCancer@HuffingtonPost@NYTHealth Hey Dr. Edelstein, just read your piece. I just have a few notes for you if you don't mind...

— GomerBlog (@GomerBlog) [March 3, 2017](#)

@OwnYourCancer@HuffingtonPost@NYTHealth We aren't the NYT or Huffpo, but you might find these edits useful. <pic.twitter.com/5nbeLKUE8v>

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@OwnYourCancer@HuffingtonPost@NYTHealth<pic.twitter.com/ZfBsNY58Ih>

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@OwnYourCancer@HuffingtonPost@NYTHealth<pic.twitter.com/quQzcrnSWG>

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@OwnYourCancer@HuffingtonPost@NYTHealth That's enough for now. Why don't you work on this and send it back at your convenience. <pic.twitter.com/ChzmDFPXoM>

— GomerBlog (@GomerBlog) [March 3, 2017](#)

[@OwnYourCancer](#) Your treatment and belittlement of nurses is appalling. Your lack of understanding of the process leads you do say

— ER Gypsy Nurse (@ERgypsynurse) [March 3, 2017](#)

[@OwnYourCancer](#) In most stroke centers, CT is done prior to a full assessment because time is such an issue. Had the results of the CT

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[@OwnYourCancer](#) been alarming, the radiologist would have called the ER doctor directly.

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After he is finally convinced a CT should occur before a physician will see the patient...

[@ERgypsynurse@Sassy_Nursey](#) True...her 1st physician exam was more than 2 hours post CT...frustrating and dangerous.

— Dr. Peter Edelstein (@OwnYourCancer) [March 3, 2017](#)

[@OwnYourCancer@ERgypsynurse](#) agreed but why are you yelling at nursing staff? If it's an MD eval you need you should be yelling at the MDs

— Sassy Nursey (@Sassy_Nursey) [March 3, 2017](#)

[@Sassy_Nursey@OwnYourCancer@ERgypsynurse](#) I don't think anybody should be yelling at anybody.

— Sarah (@perkleberry) [March 3, 2017](#)

[@OwnYourCancer@LudicrousRN@HuffingtonPost@NYTHealth@PsychToday](#)

please publish retraction: publically appologize for yelling, swearing

— Northern Nurse (@NorthernMurse) [March 3, 2017](#)

[.@OwnYourCancer@NorthernMurse@sevlovesmia@LudicrousRN@HuffingtonPost@NYTHealth@PsychToday](#) And U/S are not done stat in TIAs.

— Dr. Howie Mell (@DrHowieMell) [March 4, 2017](#)

[@OwnYourCancer@DrHowieMell](#) can you post link to guideline that says US has to be done within 4 hours? I can't find one

— Steve Carroll DO MEd (@embasic) [March 4, 2017](#)

[@OwnYourCancer@DrHowieMell](#) also a shame that [@PsychToday](#) took down your article- if you continue to argue your side you should own this

— Steve Carroll DO MEd (@embasic) [March 4, 2017](#)

[@OwnYourCancer](#) US is often delayed and not done as immediately as you make it sound. Educate yourself and learn to respect nurses.

— ER Gypsy Nurse (@ERgypsynurse) [March 3, 2017](#)

[@OwnYourCancer@HuffingtonPost@NYTHealth@PsychToday](#) instead of calling 911 like most nursing 101 students would know to do.

— Good opinion haver (@UnmaskedGremlin) [March 3, 2017](#)

[@UnmaskedGremlin@HuffingtonPost@NYTHealth@PsychToday](#) Mom lives 7 mins from ER. TIA care is unrelated to ambulance vs car

— Dr. Peter Edelstein (@OwnYourCancer) [March 3, 2017](#)

[@OwnYourCancer@UnmaskedGremlin](#) false, EMS performs assessment, starts IV, draw labs, calls alert to hospital, can roll right to CT [#educate](#)

— GiF ifer (@Vampy_RN) [March 3, 2017](#)

[@OwnYourCancer@morgan6060987](#) sorry but I disagree. EMS can call in stroke alert from field and clear a CT room for immediate scan and PE.

— Zach (@ZachRNBSN) [March 3, 2017](#)

[@OwnYourCancer@UnmaskedGremlin](#) but isn't the crux of your argument 'time is brain?' Who should yell at you for your delaying care, doctor?

— GiF ifer (@Vampy_RN) [March 3, 2017](#)

[@OwnYourCancer@HuffingtonPost@NYTHealth](#) so you are advocating everybody start yelling in the ED? That will solve the chaos.

— Reckless Gardener® (@iGaia) [March 3, 2017](#)

[@OwnYourCancer@HuffingtonPost@NYTHealth](#) in my experience, yelling is a great way to keep physicians and nurses away from your mom.

— Reckless Gardener® (@iGaia) [March 3, 2017](#)

He said the Nurses and Physician apologized to him..

[@OwnYourCancer@iGaia@HuffingtonPost@NYTHealth](#) Because they were providing "customer service." Telling you you're a jerk gets them fired ☐

— Death By Call Light (@run4pancakes) [March 3, 2017](#)

[@OwnYourCancer@HuffingtonPost@NYTHealth](#) I cannot believe what I've just read. Completely unprofessional. I feel sorry for your colleagues.

— Dr Sammy (@sbatrawdend) [March 4, 2017](#)

[@OwnYourCancer@HuffingtonPost@NYTHealth](#) By the way doctor, rudeness from relatives has been shown to worsen care <https://t.co/l9rjt00V7V>

— Dr Sammy (@sbatrawdend) [March 4, 2017](#)

[@sbatrawdend@HuffingtonPost@NYTHealth](#) As has delayed care...

— Dr. Peter Edelstein (@OwnYourCancer) [March 4, 2017](#)

[@OwnYourCancer@sbatrawdend@HuffingtonPost@NYTHealth](#) there was no delayed care. She got what everyone gets and within the guidelines dude

— Jeffrey Knisley (@j_knisley) [March 4, 2017](#)

[@OwnYourCancer@HuffingtonPost@NYTHealth@PsychToday](#) what a horrid article - because "yelling" is something to be proud of ☹

— Colin (@FinalCoyote) [March 3, 2017](#)

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[@OwnYourCancer@HuffingtonPost@NYTHealth@PsychToday](#) - Your actions

were unprofessional as a provider & recommending them is dangerous.

— Nurse Nacole (@CoronaryKid) [March 3, 2017](#)

[@OwnYourCancer](#) and I'm guessing when everything was negative you felt that you had to write something to defend your awful behavior.

— ERNursingNugent, RN (@nursingnugent) [March 3, 2017](#)

[@OwnYourCancer@HuffingtonPost@NYTHealth@PsychToday](#) If you ever yelled at me like that you would be the one needing a hospital bed.

— Stephen Paul (@StevoPaul09) [March 3, 2017](#)

[@OwnYourCancer@HuffingtonPost@NYTHealth](#) This is just completely wrong. Stat carotid endarterectomy for TIA...you're embarrassing yourself. pic.twitter.com/l4yWRjSuqW

— (((TheTracker))) (@IdiotTracker) [March 3, 2017](#)

You gotta hand it to [Dr. Peter Edelstein](#) for defending not only his disagreements with standard of care (which his mother received), but he did not step down from his “yelling” at nurses. Learn more about him [HERE](#). And the epic mic drop known as [Pure Gold](#).

If you made it this far you don't have much to do today. You can read his “[apology](#).” He apologized to all of us who understood his yelling that marginalized his colleagues, to a general yelling at the system, that in the end treated his mother within the standard of care.

#sorrynotsorry