

# Ode to the Death of the Physical Exam

*Here ye, here ye  
On this day we take the time to remember  
The loss of a fond friend,  
[The physical exam](#)*

*Gone are the days  
Of the bedside JVP  
Absent a waves, dominant v waves,  
Now we just [Lasix](#) them all*

*There is no-one to appreciate  
The subtle art of Trousseau sign  
Or even the grade 1 diastolic murmur  
(That probably doesn't exist)*

*What need are there for speculums  
When you can just consult GYN  
Or the need for [reflex hammer](#)  
When you can give Neuro a call?*

*I look fondly on the days as a young med scholar  
Doing a [full respiratory exam](#)  
Does anyone ever do anymore  
The whispered pectoriloquy?*

*Here we lay to rest,  
The art of touching the patient  
Now we fast track  
And roll them through the CT scanner*