

## What would you do?

A 26-year-old African-American doctor is seeing a 57 year-old Ethiopian man for heart problems. The patient has specifically requested an African-American physician.

While the two men may look alike, their age, experiences and ethnicity is what makes them different.

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A 14-year-old Hispanic boy was admitted for an apparent antidepressant overdose. The boy's mother did not speak or read English and was responsible for his medication.

However, the nurse questioned whether it was attempted suicide or a language issue, since the word "once" means "11" in Spanish, the same number of pills the boy took.

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