The Good Doctor Episode Guide

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## Actor Appearances

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The episode begins with Dr. Shaun Murphy perfectly placing down his scalpel, brushing his hair in perfect place then returning to the mirror and messing it up before he puts on his jacket and heads out the door. He follows a white line only he can see from the front porch, walks through a field and visualizes children playing around a school bus in a junkyard; a soccer ball lands at his feet and he has flashbacks to when he was being bullied and beaten and his friend took on everyone abusing him.

He gives the ball back and travels by bus to San Jose Airport, where he stands and absorbs all the sounds and noise around him. He holds a piece of cloth in his hand as an accident occurs and a young boy falls to the ground bleeding, someone rushes over claiming to be a doctor and out of no where, he tells him he is killing the boy; the doctor disagrees so Shaun tells him he would be in the right place if his patient was an adult, but he is a boy and he needs to put the pressure higher up. Shaun walks up and takes over, realizing he has glass in his belly but says he will be fine and introduces himself as Dr. Shaun Murphy, a surgical resident at San Jose St. Bonaventure Hospital.

At the hospital, Dr. Horace Andrews talks about autism, describes it to his colleagues and asks if it sounds like he is describing a surgeon? Dr. Aaron Glassman says he isn't "Rain Man" as he is high functioning and capable of living on his own and managing his own affairs. Aaron
asks if it is necessary to have a special meeting with the Board of Directors, questioning his hiring of a doctor with autism.

He is told to stop taking this so personal and Aaron is reminded that it is his hospital but the money it takes to run it comes from the foundation she controls, so they are ordered to play nice. Aaron is told to justify his decision for slipping him past the board. Aaron says he met Shaun Murphy when he was 14 years old and yes he does have autism but she also has savant syndrome, having genius skills in several areas. He sees and analyzes things in ways none of them could comprehend; which are assets for any doctor, particularly a surgeon. Andrews plays it off that Aaron hired him because Shaun is like a son to him, but Jessica Preston silences him with a crude comment.

While Dr. Jared Unger is rudely woken by a doctor who is in search of Claire Brown because Dr. Neil Melendez wants to operate on a patient but Claire hasn’t gotten the consent forms done; as soon as she walks out, Claire pops up from under the blankets and says she is just a bitch because she doesn’t like him. He feels its silly that they are hiding their relationship but she admits they don’t have a relationship, they have sex but if he wants people to know he is screwing her, she tells him to go for it.

Meanwhile, back at the airport, Shaun realizes the boy’s veins are “popping” in his one arm, again the doctor doesn’t believe him as he explains the left arm is in distress and asks if someone has a sharp knife and when no one has one he tells the other doctor to start CPR as he is going to stop breathing soon and walks away.

Claire meets with the patient and asks him to sign the consent, when he tells her he isn’t scared she said he should be and begins to explain how they are going to cut his chest open, stop his heart, repair it and then restart it. He says he wants a second opinion, but she continues to ramble about how he is preparing to say goodbye possibly forever to his children. She says she is telling him all this because she can’t deal with lies, so if he is honest, she can help him. He finally admits he is scared.

Shaun walks up to a security guard and asks for a knife, when he scoffs at him Shaun says he needs a narrow tube, high proof alcohol, tape; the guard wishes him luck with that but says he is not going to give him a knife. Shaun says its a medical emergency, and asks for the knife he sees at the top of the sharp objects bin; so when the guard refuses again, Shaun grabs it and runs but is tackled by two other guards as the first one calls him an idiot. The boy’s mother rushes up to them telling them Shaun is trying to save her son’s life.

Dr. Melendez tells Claire that their patient’s problem is in his heart, not his head; she says he not psychologically ready for surgery but Melendez says he is physically ready and tells her to get the consent as he is prepping the OR right now. He leans in and says he is her superior; she says that doesn’t mean she is wrong; he says maybe not but she needs to act like she is wrong. She asks him to let the patient wrap his head around what is happening. Melendez asks Unger if he can get the form signed and hands him the paperwork when he says yes. Unger tells Claire he will do it because Melendez is his boss and she is just the one he is screwing.

Shaun returns to the little boy, as everyone watches in awe and wonder while he works. He envisions what he has to do and makes an incision while the parents watch in terror. The doctor is impressed that Shaun created a homemade one-way valve and says Shaun saved his life; people clap as the parents hug Shaun.

Aaron calls Shaun, who hasn’t arrived yet. He tells Jessica that what she said was disrespectful and a mistake, when she made that comment about Andrew’s nephew. He reminds her that the only reason she was in the room is because her grandfather founded the hospital and she should fear the board of directors. She tells him to not make this debate personal because if he does, he will lose.

In the ambulance, Shaun is happy they are on their way to the St Bonaventure Hospital. He observes the parents holding their boy’s hands and he has flashbacks of petting his rabbit while his father complains that he can’t act like a normal human being, he says this is the third school he has been removed from and he doesn’t blame them because as parents they can’t handle him either. He grabs Shaun’s little face and shouts, demanding to know what Shaun did this time, when he gets no response he hits him and throws his rabbit into a wall as his brother looks on. Shaun gets distraught when he notices the boy’s ECG changed and the EMS worker makes fun of him, telling the parents he is just concerned about the 20 year old equipment while traveling in a vehicle going 40 miles per hour.
Dr. Melendez works with Unger, when Claire notices something white, wondering if it's his lung. Melendez learns he was exposed to TB when he was younger and says it's an abscess that is going to explode, shooting pus into the air. He begins to crash as they struggle to save him. The surgeon is informed of the 8-year-old boy on his way in and tells Claire he doesn't need her, the patient will be fine and sends her to deal with the trauma patient coming in.

As Claire takes in the new patient, Shaun doesn't have any ID but is insistent that it is his heart; she says he is fine and if he doesn't contain himself she will have him removed from the building and she rushes off to the OR, when Shaun attempts to run after her, security locks him out of the hospital.

In the operating room, some of the surgeons are impressed with how Shaun saved him, still having no idea who he is. Claire suggests having an ECG done on him, but the surgeon says based on his stats his answer is no, wondering if he missed anything and Claire says no. Shaun tries every door to get into the hospital but security stops him at every entrance, as he stands in the pouring rain. Shaun looks up and remembers hearing the doctor, Aaron say the rabbit is dead and a young Shaun says everything smells different when it rains. Aaron suggests they bury the rabbit and Shaun gets upset saying the rabbit cannot go to heaven because he needs him there; his brother promises nothing like this will happen to them again as they are not going home, they have each other and that is all they need.

Back in the boardroom, Dr. Andrews says they cannot have a surgeon who doesn't communicate, he needs sympathy and empathy, questioning if Dr. Murphy can do that when he cannot even be relied upon to show up for a job interview; he wants to know if there are any other young surgeons that don't have his issues. Aaron tells him no and they should hire him because he is qualified and because he is different, reminding him how long ago it was that they wouldn't hire a black person nor a woman. He says if they hire Shaun they give hope to those people with limitations, so they feel they have a shot. Andrews and Aaron continue to be on opposite sides of the issue.

During the operation, the surgeon feels something has changed and something is different. Claire admits there was this "weird guy" who kept insisting the boy needed an ECG; when his stats drop he orders the team to do an ECG and tells Claire to come with him to find the weird guy. Dr. Melendez asks Shaun why the ECG and he stutters; Claire asks him why but while he is explaining they get a call that the ECG is normal and they just wasted their time. Shaun begins to visualize everything again and Claire tells him to come with her.

Shaun and Claire are shown the ECG results and Shaun asks to see them over and over; Unger says it looks normal to him but Shaun tells him there is a deformity in the right atrium. He is told even if he is right it wouldn't manifest there; but Claire defends him saying it could happen by a glass shard flowing through to his heart. The surgeon believes her and orders to work on it.

The board of directors vote on whether they should hire Dr. Shaun Murphy but before the vote is final, the receptionist bursts in and tells them to look on any media site and it shows that Dr. Shaun Murphy saved the boy and apparently he is one of their doctors. They learn the boy is in OR 2 and Dr. Melendez isn't sure he will make it. Aaron and Jessica watch from the observation room and he tells her he isn't always going to be there to protect her because everyone loses eventually.

They watch Shaun as he intently watches the operation and regresses back to when him and his brother live in an abandoned bus. His brother says their mother loves them but she knows it's better for them to live this way. Shaun asks his brother for a television, but he reminds Shaun that they are poor but he presents Shaun with a tool box, with toy tools and Shaun immediately grabs the scalpel and back in real time he rubs his hair and unwraps the toy scalpel from the cloth in his pocket. In the OR, Dr. Melendez tells Dr. Browne she was right.

Aaron joins Shaun in the cafeteria, saying he saved that boy's life and Shaun says his name is Adam and he is hungry. Aaron tells him the board reconvenes in 45 minutes and asks Shaun to stay there until he gets back; Shaun agrees, thoroughly enjoying his food.

Aaron speaks to Melendez who says thankfully there is a cure for time and stupidity called experience and Shaun suffers from a bad deficit. He says he would like his help and when he doesn't think he will get his help; he wants to know what the story is with this kid (Shaun) and why it's so important for him, reminding him making things personal is a sure way to screw things up. Aaron walks away and Melendez asks Jessica if she is proud or disappointed, she
doesn’t want to pick either and they kiss.

Claire sits with Shaun, feeling he is curious about the place and the people but Shaun says Aaron gave him a map of the place and he found out the rest online. He wants to know why she was rude to him when they met, then nice to him the second time and now trying to be his friend. He wants to know which time was she pretending; they are interrupted by Aaron who informs him that the board room is ready.

Dr. Andrews returns furious because the decision was already made and Aaron says if he proves to be less than excellent... Andrews continues to complain and Aaron says he would love to make him happy and hire anyone who never makes a mistake; He asks if Aaron can accept that he will make mistakes none of the rest of them will make because it won’t be him who pays the price. Aaron says if Shaun doesn’t live up to everything he knows he can do, he will be immediately released and he will resign his position as President of the hospital. The board asks to hear from Shaun before they decide his fate.

When asked why he wants to become a surgeon, Shaun goes back to his youth and talking to his brother and a bunch of the boys broke into a garage, where they are climbing over an old vehicle, his brother loses his footing and falls far below onto the concrete floor; Shaun looks down in utter disbelief.

The board is getting annoyed that Shaun wasn’t speaking but then he talks about the day the rain smelled like ice cream, his bunny went to heaven in front of his eyes and the day the copper pipes in an old building smelled like burnt food, his brother went to heaven in front of his eyes. He couldn’t save them and it was sad that neither of them had the chance to become adults and experienced life events like having children and loving them and he wants to make that possible for other people. With tears in his eyes he says he would like to make a lot of money so he could have a television.

Everyone shares glances and Dr. Shaun Murphy is welcomed to San Jose St. Bonaventure Hospital and they are very proud to have him. They shake hands and everyone claps. Aaron tells Shaun that Dr. Melendez’ team is going into surgery if he is interested; Shaun rushes out of the room and gets into scrubs and with a smile on his face he enters the OR as Melendez helps him with his mask and gloves. Melendez calls in Shaun "Murphy" who gets to see the piece of glass that was killing Adam. He looks at the scalpel and remembers his brother telling him to never forget he is the smart one and can do anything and he is proud of him. Melendez says he is a nice kid but its literally true that this is his first, he is obviously very smart but doesn’t belong there so as long as he is on his team all he will ever be doing is suction. Shaun takes it in stride saying he saw may surgeons in medical school and he is better, and could learn a lot from him. He says he is very arrogant, and asks if he thinks that helps him a good surgeon or hurts him as a person; and wonders if it is worth it.
## Mount Rushmore

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As Dr. Shaun Murphy sleeps the night away on a blanket on the floor; an alarm wakes him up and he does various exercises; his life is planned through various alarms from his phone, reminding him to shower and even brush his teeth. He gets on the elevator and when the other patron asks where he is going, he says to the San Jose St Bonaventure Hospital but the man tells him he meant which floor. He proudly reveals he is taking the bus from the ground floor.

Dr. Jared Kalu and Dr. Claire Browne are interns working with Dr. Neil Melendez when the patient asks if he will ever walk again, Dr. Shaun Murphy says he there is no chance he will walk, but then is told he wasn’t talking about “walking”. Shaun says he will not be impotent either. Melendez chastises him for being late but he says it was the bus that was late; and fails to convince Shaun that he was wrong, they are interrupted be an emergency consult in the ER.

They look at the woman’s CT scan and Shaun says it’s very big, as the others review what it could possibly be Shaun figures it out in his mind and says it’s a malignant tumor; she asks if its killing her and he quickly says yes as Claire says not necessarily and they are speculating right now.

Outside of the room, Jared tells Shaun he scared her and there was no need to be so blunt. Shaun asks them why since it is terminal if not treated soon and isn’t that scary? Jared is excited
that they are finally going to dissect a real tumor and says it’s okay since this manner outside the door is different than bedside manner. Shaun says it is exciting because they will be saving a life and learning too; Jared is disappointed when Melendez chooses Claire to be his second. Melendez tells Shaun he can do everything that his surgeons hate doing and he will handle it for them.

Shaun chases after Melendez, asking if he is being punished for something, when he tells him no and Shaun accepts he wants to know why and Shaun says arrogant people don’t need to lie so this must be a teaching tool and happily leaves to do it all. Shaun does his work a little too thoroughly and won’t discharge patients without checking them over himself; refusing to let a patient go who came in with an ear infection, ordering an MRI and other tests.

Dr. Aaron Glassman sees Shaun sitting with a patient and when he asks what he is doing, Shaun says he is waiting for her to “fart” and chose that would to make it more casual. Aaron is upset that Melendez feels this is the most useful thing he could be doing but doesn’t say anything else other than welcoming him to surgical residency. The patient insists she farted but Shaun sniffs around and says he doesn’t think so and will wait a little longer.

Dr. Browne explains the procedure to their patient, but she asks if the surgery can be held off for a few weeks because her son is getting married in a couple weeks. Claire says recovery is fairly easy and she could be okay in a few weeks. Claire tells her she isn’t going to die and she will be at the wedding, looking beautiful. Jared gives Claire problems for making promises like that, he doesn’t understand how she can be so caring for patients but he can’t get her to care for him.

Dr. Marcus Andrews rushes into Melendez’ office, pulls up an MRI screen and asks why the scan was done. He has no idea about it but since someone on his team ordered it, it is his fault. Andrews says it is his job to know these things so Melendez then asks him, since he works for him, isn’t this all his fault?

Dr. Murphy is checking a young patient, whose parents are wondering how much this is going to cost them since she only has a belly ache; Melendez comes in and speaks with Shaun in the hallway. He lectures Shaun on running unnecessary tests and when the nurse smiles, he lectures her but tells her that she is now Shaun’s boss and he needs to listen to her.

During break, Aaron sits with Melendez, talking about Shaun is there to be a surgeon and not a glorified orderly. He reminds Melendez that Shaun earned every right to be there and had to get people like Melendez and their prejudices and Aaron encourages him to teach him. Melendez says he will teach them both, at the same time that he doesn’t belong there; Aaron says this is his hospital but Melendez says it’s his team and he can’t tell him how to run that team.

Claire comes to Shaun who wants to know what the point of sarcasm is. He feels it’s just like lying and he isn’t good at lying. Shaun flashes back to a time he lied in order for him and his brother to have money for food. Claire encourages Shaun to not talk to Aaron and their job is pretty much to do whatever Melendez asks them to do. She is paged to the OR and begin the surgery on the mother who has the malignant tumor.

Shaun continues to try to do tests on patients but the nurse keeps stopping him. Every patient he sees, he is not allowed to do any tests and says he is sending a patient home; but when the patient asks if he is okay, Shaun pauses and then tells him according to all hospital rules and guidelines, technically yes. During surgery, Melendez is struggling with getting to the tumor as it’s so massive and cannot find her aorta.

Shaun is in a room, looking over his tests from the little girl with the bickering parents, the nurse is surprised since she thought they sent her home 4 hours ago. Dr. Browne runs in and tells Shaun that Melendez needs him in the OR, he smiles and rushes in. Instead of allowing him to scrub in, Melendez tells Shaun to get to the lab and move along the biopsy results; he is told to go back and wait his turn for the results.

Shaun remembers when him and his brother, attempted to scam money from a stranger and when the man called them a moron his brother threw a rock through the window and told Shaun to never be afraid. He tells the lab technician if she doesn’t give him the results right now, he will throw a rock through her window; she tells him that isn’t necessary, the results will be up in 15 minutes.

Jessica Preston comes to see Dr. Neil Melendez, after he says he doesn’t have a problem hiring an autistic doctor she forces him to acknowledge that he just doesn’t want one working for him.
He is upset that she is accusing him of prejudice, she sits down and says they need to make this person. She asks him if it bothers him that it looks like he is on the wrong team.

Shaun returns to the room with the results, Jared says it sucks and Claire says she will wake her up, let her know she has 3 months to live and then palliative care but Shaun begins to visualize everything, saying surgery isn’t impossible but just difficult. They can remove her healthy left kidney, which is in the way of removing the tumor. He says it’s quite possible that she will die anyways but rushes off saying he has a boil to lance. Claire says its brilliant but a terrible idea.

Melendez feels the idea is insane, but Jared tells Claire that it’s all about her telling the woman she will survive and be at her son’s wedding. Melendez says she is compromised and can’t stay objective now. Melendez says they are doing the surgery and Jared will now be his number two. During the procedure, Claire is commenting about them clamping the life out of a perfectly good kidney and Melendez isn’t pleased with her.

Dr. Shaun Murphy walks with Dr. Aaron Glassman who introduces him to Trevor, the patient he sent home. Trevor had come to see the President of the hospital after he believed Shaun sent him home, even though he believed he was sick; both men want an explanation. Aaron says he reviewed Trevor’s chart and with all certainty he can say he is in peek health. Trevor leaves as Aaron teaches him how to gauge people’s reactions.

Shaun brings down the little girl’s bloodwork, asking Carly to run them, she says those are a lot of tests and he could get into trouble.

Melendez removes the kidney, and they are able to see the tumor as Dr. Murphy gets the blood work back and Carly says everything looks to be in normal range, he says normal should be lower for her; he figures out what she has a rushes off, saying thank you. Shaun takes a taxi to the parents’ house but panics when he reaches the door and is afraid to knock, remembering as a little boy how he couldn’t knock.

He begins to pound on the door, when the father answers he begins to blubber out medical terms that he thinks his daughter has; when the father says for him to call in the morning, he says she may not be alive in the morning. He slams the door saying he will be calling his boss in the morning. Shaun knocks again, asking if he was sarcastic, and then reveals he is weird and will continue knocking until he knows she is okay; they cannot wake her and there is vomit all over her bed. Shaun goes with the parents in the car back to the hospital. Shaun remembers running down the street and Aaron finding him and revealing his brother is in terrible condition. Shaun begins chest compressions and begs the father to hurry to the hospital. Once at the hospital, Shaun continues to ride the gurney and give her compressions, and she’s needing an ultrasound.

Jared takes the praise for Shaun’s idea about removing the kidney to remove the tumor. Shaun does the ultrasound and visualizes the organs, revealing where the problem is. He says she needs surgery right away, the nurse says he cannot make these kinds of calls on his own. Shaun says a part of her bowel is shutting down and killing her and since it is after midnight, it is tomorrow and she is no longer his boss. Jared calls and prepares an OR for surgery.

In the operating room, Shaun calls for her scalpel but before he can cut her, Dr. Melendez comes in and says he is taking over. Shaun asks about his other patient and he says Jared had an excellent idea and she will be all right. Melendez says this surgery is basic and he can go home and get some sleep but Dr. Andrews orders him to let him stay, and says he will treat him like any other resident. Melendez says he is back on suction and congratulates him when Andrews leaves.

Claire refuses to go for a drink with Jared. He suggests she could learn something from him and she asks like what? Stealing someone else’s credit and make yourself a hero with Shaun’s idea?? Jared says she would have let him take the fall if it failed. Is it fair if it was his idea if it failed and Shaun’s idea if it succeeds. He dares to her tell the truth about what happened and see how she reacts. Aaron confronts Andrews about his plan to screw up Shaun; he tells him he is wrong about Shaun and he will handle anything he throws at him. Andrews doesn’t care because is he succeeds he is the guy who just backed him and if he fails, Andrews becomes President. Their patient wakes up, learning there were complications and she doesn’t care how she did it, they saved her and that is all that matters. Claire says she is going to be a beautiful mother of the groom.

Aaron finds Shaun watching the little girl and her parents; he tells Shaun to go take a bow
but he doesn’t understand why it matters who gets the credit? He says it matters because those who get the credit don’t have to do "scout" work. He walks in and her parents hug him, very thankful.

Shaun returns home and crawls on his mattress in the middle of the floor of his place and sleeps.
Oliver

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Summary: Claire learns to communicate with Shaun as they must race to the hospital with a donated organ.

The episode begins with a man getting on his motorcycle, while he is looking at some pretty women walking down the sidewalk he rides into the street and directly into the path of an oncoming vehicle.

Dr. Shaun Murphy is sitting inside his house, taking in all the sounds when a knock on his door reveals one of his neighbors who is in need of some batteries as her controller died in the middle of her game. He says he lives in 33, and she lives in 34; he tells her he works at a hospital, she says that is cool and he goes to get her some batteries.

At the hospital, Dr. Claire Brown takes a call and rushes to Dr. Melendez and Dr. Jared Kalu to tell them they have a liver; he asks for the longevity of a liver transplant, when he is given the answer, Shaun questions if he knew the answer. Melendez puts Claire and Shaun on liver pick up while Jared preps their patient for the transplant.

Dr. Marcus Andrews is scrubbing in for a breast reconstructive surgery when Allegra Aoki comes in to talk to him about his 4pm patient. She wants aces on this because the patient is really close to making the foundation his tax relief. She is looking for a fail safe on his procedure and wants him to make Dr. Melendez his second. He is shocked that he is doubting his abilities and reiterates she needs everything to be perfect.

On the roof, Claire asks how Shaun is doing with all the noise, he says he likes helicopters but admits he has never been on one; there is 7 hours and 44 minutes left for the viability of the liver.
as they are situated into the helicopter. Claire is upset that Jared gets to do the surgery while they get "pizza delivery"; but Shaun isn’t really listening as he is visualizing how the helicopter really works.

Jared is questioning Chuck about his activities and how he is feeling. In the middle of their review, Chuck gets a call from his daughter, saying he needs to see her. Dr. Brown and Dr. Murphy arrive at the other hospital and learn the liver has been out of the body for over 3 hours. Shaun takes the liver out of the cooler, sees there is nothing wrong and replaces it back into the cooling unit. Claire calls Dr. Aaron Glassman tells Claire not to try to think about what is in Shaun’s mind. He tells her if she wants to connect with him, she will have to find her own way in.

With only 4 hours 45 minutes left of viability, they walk back to the helicopter and Shaun says they are not leaving. The pilot walks towards them saying the clouds are rolling in too quick and it could be an hour or three, no one knows how long. Claire says they will need another ride. At the desk, Claire works on a police escort to get the liver across town to their hospital.

Dr. Andrews wants to see his patient alone. He admits he hasn’t quit smoking but complains that he can’t enjoy a drink of scotch with a huge hole in his mouth. Andrews explains he is going to graft from his leg to form a new cheek but admits it won’t be cheap.

Shaun and Claire are still at the hospital with 4:14 remaining. Shaun tells Claire to tell Dr. Glassman that he might be late for their lunch together. When she hangs up, she asks how he knows about the weather but before he can talk too much about it. The police escort arrives and he stalls when he sees the lights, making him flashback to when he was placed in the back of a police car, where he is hitting the barrier saying, "he promised me!" Claire comes back to him, asks the police to turn off the lights and Shaun recovers, carrying the liver. He wants to know the name of the donor and Claire says its Oliver.

Melendez comes to Andrews office, who offers to make time to help with the free flap; but Andrews says he is the chief of surgery. He says it’s not a coupe but to ensure the hospital is first on his donation list. Andrews is aware of the stakes but Melendez says it doesn’t make him any less of a surgeon if he is there; Andrews refuses his help.

Jared returns to the lab, and there is alcohol in Chuck’s system; he insists they run the labs again. Claire and Shaun are 17 minutes out when Shaun looks at the x-rays. He tells Claire he has a girl neighbor but doesn’t reveal anything else. Suddenly the temperature is going up and Claire says its urgent for them to find ice now!

Jared comes to see Chuck who admits 3 days ago he had a drink at his daughter’s graduation. He wanted to feel, just for that day, to feel normal so he had a glass of champagne. Claire and Shaun find a store but their ice machine is broken, she begins to pack in frozen vegetables as Shaun is fascinated by the slushie machine. He remembers when the police gave him one as he wanted for child services. He turns to Claire saying the frozen vegetables will not work but blocks her out again.

Melendez and Jared talk about Chuck, and the champagne he drank. Shaun tells Claire the liver has to be submerged to cool. They begin to fill the cooler with the slushie mix but he doesn’t answer any of her questions. She realizes he doesn’t like questions, and both smile as the temperature begins to drop. Meledez and Jared realize Chuck was telling the truth and they can still work on him getting the transplant.

Andrews throws out his entire lunch and sits with Dr. Glassman asking for advice. He realizes that Andrews is upset that he is no longer the young star at the hospital but Melendez is. Glassman asks if he is a chief who wants to be top surgeon or is he a chief who wants to be president? If it’s the latter, take his ego and shove it in a cupboard somewhere and start acting presidential. He takes Glassman’s apple and walks away.

Chuck wants to know if he deserves the liver saying he has been dying for a long time, he didn’t lead a great one and he could have been a greater man and better dad. He admits drinking too much, and has an older son, he hasn’t seen in over 3 years. He sees the people waiting, knows their faces and names, they all have stories and they are all in it together; he broke the rules. Before he can continue talking, he goes code blue.

Jared checks Chuck and discovers he has blood in his esophagus. Melendez comes in and together they are able to bring his pressure up. In the locker room, Melendez says he had 3 months to live at best; he needs to get this liver or he dies.
Claire jokes that she needs a police escort every day to work. Shaun grabs the x-ray again as he remembers when he saw a photo of a liver while Dr. Glassman came to see him as a child before child services took him. Shaun opens the cooler and begins to feel the liver again; Claire says she doesn’t know what he is looking for; the scan shows no clot but Shaun can feel it. Claire confirms it must have happened before they stored it and they inform the police they need to stop right there so they can perform surgery right now.

As Shaun visualizes what needs to be done, him and Claire perform surgery on the liver to remove the clot. Right on the highway, they work together to preserve the integrity of the organ. The police officer jokes that this is better than delivering a baby in his car.

Dr. Andrews talks to his rich patient, assuring him he will be just fine. Dr. Melendez talks to Chuck and his family, saying his liver failure has progressed considerably. He says he as 2-3 months and realizes that Chuck didn't tell his family. He says the finally decision is out of his hands but he is going to do everything he can to convince the committee that in spite of his one drink, it is up to them. His daughter runs after Melendez saying she gave him the drink and if he doesn't get the liver, she is the one who killed him.

Melendez and Jessica Preston hold hands as he is about to see the committee. Andrews asks if he expects them to throw out the rules. He says Chuck hasn't earned it and this is a technicality; Jessica says if they move forward the hospital could lose transplant privileges. Glassman says he could go either way. Andrews wants to know if saving this patient is worth the risk of not being able to save hundreds of others. Melendez says he doesn’t have hundreds, only one and his name is Chuck.

Dr. Andrews thinks he is done his surgery but suddenly there are complications and is told to do things quickly as their patient is being strangled inside; he calls for Melendez. With 57 minutes remaining on the viability of the liver, Claire and Shaun arrive at the hospital. Claire is told devastating news on the phone, saying Chuck has been moved to the bottom of the list and another hospital is getting the liver.

An ambulance comes to get the liver and Shaun tells them his name is Oliver. Shaun says it's a good day, they saved a life, just not Chuck’s. Claire nods. Dr. Melendez comes to see Chuck and his family packing up and leaving the hospital. He tells Chuck's daughter it is not her fault; he joins Andrews and smiles as they see their patient being wheeled out of his room.

Shaun returns home, places his bag at his door and knocks at 34. He asks if he can have his batteries back that she borrowed. She says it’s insane that he is a surgeon. She says her name is Leah, and he says his name is Dr. Shaun Murphy and it’s nice to meet her and walks back to his own apartment.

Melendez stares at the ceiling as Jessica sleeps beside him. Shaun goes outside with a can of cat food for the homeless cat outside his apartment and watches from inside. At the restaurant, Dr. Glassman, moves young Shaun's dish away from him, hands him the book he was looking at. He tells Shaun, he can stay with him tonight and tomorrow they will figure out the rest.

The next morning, at the hospital, Shaun and Dr. Glassman enjoy breakfast together.
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Summary: Dr. Neil Melendez and the team have to wade through legal waters when a husband and wife have to make a life-changing decision about their unborn child. Meanwhile, Dr. Shaun Murphy struggles to adjust to his new environment at home and makes a huge step forward with his colleagues.

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Out of the room, Melendez orders Shaun to never contradict him in front of a patient again; Shaun says they are not in front of the patient now. Claire also chimes in and Melendez tells them to get her prepped.

Dr. Andrews is covering in the ER and needs someone to lance a boil; he sends down Claire and Shaun but not before Claire protests saying it was their ideas that convinced him to do the surgery and now he is punishing them for that. Melendez says he is only punishing Shaun for being late and she needs to go with him because she defended him.

When they get to the ER, they learn her "boil" is on her labia, but Claire wants to take a look. The patient is experiencing pain which isn’t normal for a boil and Shaun suggest she could have a flesh-eating bacteria. Melendez speaks to Andrews about the surgery on his pregnant patient, and after questioning if his judgment is clouded, Andrews agrees.

Claire is examining the ER patient, explaining the abscess is probably from an untreated chlamydia infection. Shaun begins to visualize everything as she shrieks in pain. Shaun tells her to go on a more upward angle and Claire offers to try. Claire tells her this is nothing to be embarrassed about as Shaun says 25% of college students contract an STD before graduation. She says she gets tested for STDs every 30 days, giving the nurse pause. She reveals she gets the test every 30 days because she does pornography.

Melendez talks to his whole team, about how vitally important this surgery is but is interrupted when Jessica Preston calls him out of the OR. He meets with the father who says he doesn’t want to do. Melendez tells him that he doesn’t have a veto over his wife’s medical condition; Jessica informs Melendez that a husband cannot stop him from operating on his wife but he can stop him from operating on his baby.

Jared and Claire are talking about the patient’s role in porn, when Shaun pipes in, shocking Jared that he watches porn. Melendez tells them to go home and get some rest and stay away from video games or whatever was keeping Shaun up, telling Jared to go home too since the fetal surgery was put on hold.

The board meets to discuss their options but they know if they do nothing, the fetus will die inside the mother and the mother will die as well or if they do something legally complicated, they could both live. Melendez returns and shares the news with the parents; Barb tells her husband, Mark if he loves her he won’t protect her, she needs his support, surgery is set for the morning.

Claire talks to Jared in bed, saying it’s hard to believe her patient does porn as she doesn’t seem the type. She tells him about working in a youth shelter and all the sex workers have this certain vibe. He thinks it’s a huge deal that she shared some personal stuff with him. She kisses him to shut him up.

Jessica and Neil about the pregnant patient; she wonders if she is of sound mind and could adopt if she wants a child that bad. She thinks it’s selfish to put her husband through so much to have a certain experience when there are other ways; this conversation makes Melendez wonder if she wants to have kids naturally with him. He’s trying to be serious but she says when they are in meetings, he is to never call her ideas ridiculous.

On the bus, Shaun notices all the ads with women dressed in lingerie and remembers when he found his brother looking at a "Peepers" magazine. Shaun stands up, yelling that he missed his stop; the driver lets him off, Shaun unwraps the plastic scalpel his brother gave him as he stands in terror and confusion at the side of the road.

Lea stops her car, noticing Shaun, she drives him home, telling him she is horrible with directions too. She is talking about the gym and Shaun blurts out that she stinks. She looks at him saying he is funny saying he was anxious about a screwdriver. She says he is the total opposite of most guys by saying what is exactly on his mind and it’s nice. She says goodnight to him and tells him not to fix any faucets as it’s the super’s job.

Shaun bangs on apartment 23, the super is furious for waking him up in the middle of the night but takes the list.

The following morning, Aaron says it’s his fault for Shaun taking what he said literally. He retracts and says Shaun is smart and needs to make sense of what people say, and navigate how things are to go. He mentions a Personal Support Worker (PSW), but is furious and yells he doesn’t need an aide. Aaron says they will talk about it another time and for them to enjoy their breakfast.

Mark talks to Dr. Melendez, knowing why his wife is desperate for the surgery but wants to know why the doctor is. Melendez wants to know what happens if she lives, he says he isn’t
desperate, he is confident, which should make him feel better; Mark walks away.

Dr. Andrews praises Shaun for his work with the pelvic exam, begins to realize he doesn’t like to be squeezed. He asks if Shaun has ever had a girlfriend, Shaun wants to know if he is encouraging him or mocking him. Andrews says he wants to know when is the right time for either and Shaun is curious to know when it’s a good time to mock him. They see how bad it is for the patient when the swelling isn’t going down because there was a mass behind the abscess and surrounding the nerve.

Shaun and Claire come to see their patient, revealing they were able to drain the abscess but there is a fibroid tumor that isn’t cancerous but is wrapped around the nerve: they have to remove the tumor but that means it will sever all feeling in her genitals. She feels God is punishing her, when Shaun asks if she is religious she says she used to be but hasn’t thought about God in a really long time.

Claire offers to call her parents because that’s what they are for — to support their kids. She asks Claire if she could tell her father she was a whore? Claire says it’s only a mistake, nothing more.

Dr. Melendez begins the surgery when his whole surgical team says they are ready; just as he cuts into the uterus her heart drops. Surgery immediately stops and Melendez informs the mother that she formed a blood clot in her heart but her baby is stable. She feels they are right back where they started. Melendez says she just had a heart attack and now they don’t have an option, they need to terminate the pregnancy because the clots will overwhelm her heart and brain. Her husband Mark, says they need to try again.

The board meets again, Andrews says Melendez is at fault because had he not offered hope they wouldn’t be in this position. Jared comes to see the patient who says her heart feels fine and the incision pain is only a 5/10. Melendez tells the board they could put her under for surgery and then remove the baby and say it was something that happened during surgery; Jessica and Andrews tell him they are pretending they didn’t hear that. They want him to do the surgery again; Jared interrupts with an idea, saying what if they kill her before she kills herself.

Melendez and Jared explain that they can stop her heart, it doesn’t eliminate every risk but it does reduce the biggest one. She thanks them, as they prepare for surgery in the morning.

Shaun returns home and notices his faucet isn’t leaking anymore. He knocks on the superintendent’s door, late at night, and tells him he fixed the sink, but it wasn’t on the list and he wasn’t supposed to touch it. He is confused as Shaun explains he fixed it himself already, it has to drip at a certain rate and it’s not fair that he has to do it again; the superintendent tells him if he doesn’t like it, to move and if he knocks at his door after 5 pm again he will knock his teeth out.

Melendez and Jared both work overnight on a plan for the surgery as Shaun, who also cannot sleep visualizes the pipes in his apartment. In the morning, Melendez watches as Mark kisses his wife and they wheel her off to the OR.

Claire and Andrews come to see their patient for her surgery to sever the nerves in her genital area; Shaun comes rushing in saying how they can connect the nerves, asking if she prefer to lose nerve feeling in her thigh or genitals and Andrews thinks it can work. They do the surgery and congratulates both Shaun and Claire with good work. He says although Melendez doesn’t say it enough they are both doing a great job and if either of them needs anything, his door is always open. In the other OR, Jared flushes the heart as soon as her heart is topped, they prep her for a c-section.

Dr. Andrews says surgery is a success but when she says she can’t feel anything, Shaun interjects saying it will take 6 months to a year for her to regain sensation, Claire says she is going to be fine; she asks Claire for a favor, asking her to call her parents. Meanwhile, Dr. Aaron Glassman is in his office and does some research on an Autism Support Chain.

In the OR, Jared is mesmerized by the tiny fetus, Melendez removes the tumor and as he is putting the fetus back, he calls it a "Baby", which Jared takes note of. Melendez ruins the surprise and calls the baby a boy as the parent’s smile.

After the day is done, Jared and Claire are going out drinking and insist on bringing Shaun, but at the club, Shaun says he has to go home as Claire assures him they won’t stay long. He has a flashback to when he was a boy and Colleen came to see him, asking about the pornographic magazine saying its nothing to be embarrassed about. She tells him she thinks he is really cute.
and he says she smells like bubblegum and she calls him over to the bushes. She wants to see his privates, but he wants a kiss but she only did it as a cruel joke.

Back at the bar, he cheers both Jared and Claire for the great day they had at the hospital.
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Guest Stars: Lorraine Colond (Weeping Family Member), Gloria Garayua (Sonia), Dylan Kingwell (Steve Murphy / Evan), Paolo Maiolo (Marco Magallanes), Norma Maldonado (Lorena Magallanes), Graham Verchere (Young Shaun)

Summary: While in the exam area of St. Bonaventure Hospital, Dr. Shaun Murphy encounters a young patient who looks eerily similar to his deceased brother, Steve. After discovering his parents have hidden his diagnosis from him, Shaun struggles to understand why he doesn't deserve to hear the truth about his own health. Meanwhile, the team can't figure out what keeps triggering their patients' increasingly severe allergic reactions and races to find the cause before the next one kills another patient.

A son shows up on his dad's doorstep. His father is upset to see him. His mother died 5 weeks prior and he didn't even show up. He was too busy in Thailand. The father leaves the front door open and walks into the house. He collapses in the kitchen.

At the hospital, the man is having abdominal pain. Neil briefs them. The man cries out. They all head into his room. Shaun sees a young boy with an arm injury that looks just like his late brother Steve. He heads over to him and looks him over. He checks his vision and orders a CT. Aaron comes by. He cannot believe how much the boy looks like Steve. He asks Shaun how he feels. He feels fine. Steve is dead, he replies.

The residents come in to tell the man that he has a lesion on his pancreas. It could be a benign cyst or cancer.

Shaun watches the boy as he enters the tube for a CT. They talk back and forth. The boy Evan used to know a boy who had Autism too. He died. Shaun also knows someone who died, his brother. Shaun looks at the scans as they talk. The boy has a tumor on the side of his ear. Neil comes in. He isn't happy that Shaun took off until he sees the scans.

Shaun heads out to the waiting room to meet with the boy's parents to tell them the news. They already knew. They don't want their son to know.
Shaun and Aaron sit and have lunch. They talk about Evan. Shaun thinks Evan should know. He thinks he would want to know the truth. Shaun has a flashback to when Steve wanted to know what he was going to get for his birthday.

Shaun asks Claire to come into Evan’s room and tell the boy he needs pins. Shaun can’t lie and not tell the boy he needs her to do it.

Shaun heads into the room to see Evan to wrap his arm. They talk about why Shaun needed Claire. Evan knows he is lying about something. Evan thinks he sucks at it. After they talk about when lying is good or bad, Shaun tells the boy he has cancer. He tells Shaun he already knew that. He tells Shaun how he figured it out. He tells Shaun its okay. He isn’t afraid to die. Evan asks Shaun about Lea.

Claire and Shaun talk as they work on paperwork. Shaun is going over Evan’s chart.

Claire and Jared discover that the man with abdomen pain has tapeworms in his brain. They talk to Aaron who used to be a neurosurgeon. They come up with a game plan.

Shaun is still working. He cannot stop thinking about Evan. With a pile of books and charts in front of him, he discovers that Evan doesn’t have cancer.

The next morning, Shaun meets Neil in the parking lot and tells him his finding. Neil isn’t optimistic, but Shaun is. He heads to see Aaron who tells him he can do some procedures without telling the parents. He advises him not to get caught. Shaun runs off.

Jared talks to the dad with the tapeworms. He is mad at his son that he didn’t want to take over the family business. Jared tells him that he too chose to be a doctor over the family business. He had to do what he loved.

Shaun goes to see Evan. He tries to pretend he is there doing some procedures but Evan can tell. Shaun admits what he is looking for. Evan agrees it is worth a try. He begins to put a needle in his lumbar region when the parents arrive. They want to know what is going on. Shaun can’t lie. He blurts out the truth. The father is angry. He tells Shaun to get out. Evan begins coughing up blood. Shaun calls for the nurses.

They take Evan into surgery. Shaun asks Neil to assist. He tells him he is too close to the case. Shaun watches from the viewing room. He and Aaron talk. If Shaun is wrong he is in trouble.

Jared sees the man’s son in the waiting area. Jared tells him that he needs to talk to his father and tell him the truth about his girlfriend, about why he ran away. As the father is wheeled into surgery the son admits that he is afraid to take over the family business because he thought he would fail.

In surgery, Claire sees something in Evan. She calls Neil over to see. Meanwhile, Shaun waits. He has a flashback of when he gave Steve a book for his birthday. Neil comes out to speak with the parents in the waiting room where Shaun is. Neil tells them that they discovered lesions on his ribs. The osteosarcoma has metastasized.

Aaron is in surgery. He locates the tapeworm in the man’s brain and takes the first one out. Jared is impressed. They have 3 more to go.

Evan talks with his parents. He tells them that he has known for a long time. Shaun didn’t tell him. Shaun watches from outside the room.

Shaun and Evan talk. Evan thanks him. Shaun is upset that he was wrong. Shaun asks for a favor. He wants to read something to Evan. He opens the book To Kill A Mockingbird, the book he gave Steve. Evan listens. Shaun leaves him the book and thanks him for letting him read. He gets up and walks away with tears in his eyes.
The Good Doctor Episode Guide

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Guest Stars: Christina Chang (Dr. Lim), Gloria Garayua (Guest Star), Ruben Garfias (Himself), Kandyse McClure (Celez), Norma Maldonado (Lorena Magallanes), Kari Coleman (Guest Star), Nimet Kanji (Judge Singh), Paolo Maiolo (Marco Magallanes), Teryl Rothery (JL), Mayumi Yoshida (Kim Kitajima), Adil Zaidi (Nurse Jag Dhanoa), Herbert Duncanson (Yellow Tagged Man), Devin Barker (Jenna), Heather-Claire Nortey (Noomi), Mariessa Portelance (Gowned Woman #1), Jilena Cori (Gowned Woman #2), Lorraine Colond (Weeping Family Member), Krish Lohtia (Tuxedoed Groomsman), Demord Dann (EMT #1), Dagan Nish (EMT #2), Juliana Wimbles (EMT #3), Andrew Coghlan (EMT #4)

Summary: Shaun and Claire devise an experimental procedure capable of saving a young groom’s leg and life, but the patient’s loved ones must learn to work together. Meanwhile, Jared struggles to connect with a patient whose scars may prove too deep to overcome.

Dr. Shaun Murphy walks down the hallway of the hospital as Dr. Jared Kalu gives Dr. Claire Browne and another doctor a special blend of his own coffee; they are working the ER just commenting on how quiet it is when a call comes in that there was a massive accident and 2 dozen passengers are on their way in. The interns are told they are all trauma tonight and no one is going home until every patient is cleared. The ER physician asks who knows the trauma color codes and Shaun recites them for her as they wait for the entourage of ambulances.

Dr. Neil Melendez arrives and tells Claire to forget about the object embedded in the patient’s neck and treat her like any other patient. He asks her what the first steps are and tells her to do it. Shaun stares at the patients being brought in but as he stands to stare, Nurse Fryday grabs his arm and he pulls back; everyone observes this but he quickly recovers as he tends to a patient who is bleeding out. He calls out all the medical items he needs.

Dr. Aaron Glassman comes in asking what Shaun is doing; he says they don’t have one so he is making a REBOA (Resuscitative Endovascular Balloon Occlusion of the Aorta), the nurse has no idea what he is talking about as he envisions what he is doing; he tells the EMS workers to release the pressure and the patient stabilizes.
Dr. Marcus Andrews stops Dr. Kalu from misdiagnosing a patient, he quickly cuts her throat to relieve the constricting on her neck from the burnt skin. He tells Kalu to get her up to isolation in the burn unit as quickly as possible. Dr. Glassman doesn't have an ultrasound machine, making Melendez worry he might pierce the man's heart, but he proceeds with the needle and laughs as Melendez says the REBOA could have gone really wrong. Glassman reminds him that it didn't and it's a cowboy move Melendez would have never dreamed of even trying; asking him how long will Shaun have to try to prove himself to him.

As Melendez and Claire prepare for surgery, he understands that this was her first trauma but reminds her she needs to think clearly, quickly and methodically and should think a little more like Shaun. Kalu is removing the burnt skin from the woman's neck, apologizing for asking her how she is doing. She is crying but says she is maxed out on morphine and he will wait for a little before continuing. She demands a mirror since he won't even look her in the eye as she wants to know how bad it is. She sobs at the image and talks about how she looks like Freddy Kruger and who would marry her looking like this.

Dr. Melendez brings Shaun upstairs to see Marco's family, they are told the doctors cannot fix his leg and their only choice is to amputate. His bride breaks down crying as this was their wedding day: Shaun watches their emotional hugs as Melendez observes him.

Back in the ER, Shaun runs past everyone trying to use one of the computers, but all the doctors take them before he can get there. Jessica Preston and Melendez are asked about their plans for their wedding and they fend off saying they will figure it all out. Jessica suggests they can talk about it later when she prefers a beach wedding and he says his family likes the church better. Aaron listens with concern as Shaun rushes off again after Nurse Fryday asks him if he wants to love and he says no.

Shaun grabs the chair just before Claire can sit in it saying he needs to see his patient's scans. She gives him the computer only after he apologizes. He looks at the scans asking Claire why Marco's family was crying when Dr. Melendez said his leg needed to be amputated? She says crying when you're sad, is normal. Shaun doesn't understand because if you had to choose between amputation and death, an amputation is a good news!

Shaun begins to visualize any options to save the leg but agrees there are no other options but before he can dash out the door, Claire wonders if they could replace the entire femur. Melendez watches as they are building a femur out of titanium, saying he needs to think on this as he still has 7 tags to deal with. Claire tells Melendez it was her idea, but he doesn't believe her; he says it's a problem to believe she is brilliant because he has known her for 6 months.

Outside, Claire comes to see Jared sitting on a bench, she advises him not to talk but to listen to her because she is trapped inside there, alone with her fears and thoughts and he is her only escape. Melendez and Shaun go to see Marco's family, who are in disbelief about the "fake" femur. Shaun repeatedly corrects them saying it is real — not fake! Shaun says this is the first time he is doing this surgery and admits there is a 10% risk he could die. Marco's mother immediately refuses, but his fiancee says Marco would want them to take the chance. Melendez informs her that his parents are the next of kin and they need to decide; his father tells them to amputate his leg.

Melendez quizzes Shaun as they prep for surgery, he asks him why he is marrying Jessica. Melendez says he loves her but Shaun doesn't understand why having someone to love is so important to everyone. Jessica comes into the room and tells them they cannot go forward with the surgery as she filed an injunction to stop it.

Claire talks to her patient about her neck surgery and how lucky she is to be alive. She removes the tubing and immediately the patient wants to see her wife. Claire checks the list and her name isn't on it, so she promises to check the waiting room and to bring her up. Jessica tells Melendez that Judge Singh is en route as Shaun frets about testifying. Melendez reminds Jessica it is Marco's parent's decision, she objects when he says all parents love their son no matter what. She gets defensive, wondering if he would want his parents to make the decision over her. He says there need to be bright red lines when it comes to the rules. Shaun tells her they have 3 hours before Marco's leg will die.

Kalu returns to his burn patient, he tells her to pick a movie, but she says a funny movie won't change this for her. She mocks him, saying he has all the answers for her. Meanwhile, Marco's parents and fiancee meet with the Judge; they both want him to live but if there is a chance to save his leg, they need to do it. His father says Marco can still be happy with her, have
a family even if he has a prosthetic leg. She finally reveals to his family that they met in rehab.

Claire learns Jenna hasn’t been seen since the bus and suddenly realizes Jenna could still be at the crash site and tells them they need to go back. Marco knows what makes him happy and knows his weaknesses; Marco’s mother interrupts her saying he cheated on her about a month ago, his father confirms. The judge says this matters as his mother reminds her that she isn’t his wife yet. Claire rushes off at the accident site, telling everyone to scour the area.

Claire finds Jenna lying in the woods, just off the side of the road. Her pupils are reactive but she needs to get her out of there now. Jared talks to Dr. Andrews about his patient, Celeste who is eligible for an experimental burn treatment. He thinks they can do it there and as Andrews attempts to speak he cuts him off again. Jared was hoping Dr. Andrews could expedite the process from 3 months to 2 hours; he tells Jared to keep thinking outside the box as the initiative is good.

Claire reveals that Jenna’s pupil is blown showing she has a subdural hematoma and if she doesn’t use the drill to alleviate it now, she won’t make it to the hospital alive. Claire arrives at the hospital with Jenna, whose stats are in the low 70s and is sent straight to the OR. Dr. Glassman tells Claire she made a good call while out in the field.

Jared returns to the isolation room Celeste is in, informing her the Tilapia skins are on their way to the hospital and should be there within the hour. He tells her that she qualifies for an experimental treatment that might prevent her from needing skin grafts. Dr. Andrews demands to know how this happened and Jared says they are willing to provide the skins as long as they give them the data; he assures Celeste he will do it.

Shaun is brought in for questions by Judge Singh; he keeps reminding people that the femur is not fake. He processes what she wants to know as Jessica asks him to focus. Marco’s parents are frustrated with Shaun being so slow but his fiancé wants them to give him time. Shaun orders them to be quiet, he says Marcos’ toes are changing color and quickly tells them to page Dr. Melendez, as he is clotting.

Melendez wants to know what the decision is, as they are running out of time. Judge Singh says his parents know him as their child while his fiancé knows him as a man and agrees with her, ordering Melendez to replace the femur. Shaun follows Melendez into the OR. Dr. Glassman allows Claire to perform the surgery on Jenna with him, saying the first time is a little exciting, a little nauseous and hopefully, no one gets hurt.

Jared begins to lay the Tilapia skins on Celeste as Shaun helps Dr. Melendez with the surgery on Marco. Glassman is very proud of Claire and her performance, he tells her to close up the roof/skull. Dr. Melendez finishes the surgery and asks the nurse to release the clamps, the blood flow is restored to Marco’s toes and his heart rate is normal. Claire and Glassman watch as there is no brain activity on the monitor, she suggests her brain could rewire itself, Glassman says no and she is “gone.”

Marco is surrounded by his parents and fiancé when he is unable to move his leg. His mother is concerned he will die but Shaun runs a pen along his foot and reveals that he moved, showing them his toes moving. He says the surgery worked as Melendez says it will be a long road to recovery and he thanks them for saving his leg. Marco wants to finish what they started but she tells him to get well first as there is plenty of time for a wedding.

Jared tells Celeste she looks good, that she looks like Aquaman. She smiles, saying she looks like sushi but it is only for 6 months, giving her new skin a chance to grow in with minimal scarring. She thanks, Jared, admitting she misjudged him. He assures her that she judged him just right.

Claire is watching her patient sleep when Dr. Glassman comes in realizing she hasn’t told her that Jenna is dead. He takes Claire out of the room, asking her how long before she intubated Jenna and did she check that she was breathing afterward. He shares that the ER doctor informed him that Jenna wasn’t ventilating properly when she got to the hospital because Claire inserted the tube too deep into her injured lung. They had no way of knowing how long she was hypoxic before they gave her the EEG.

Claire says she drilled a perfect hole in the middle of nowhere in the dark of night but screwed up her intubation? He agrees it was tough conditions and any one of them could have made the same mistake. They sit down as Aaron tells her about one of his stories of a mother who came into the ER, she sent her home with antibiotics and 6 hours later she was back after having a heart attack that he missed and she died. Claire learns she was his 4th patient who died and
tells her she will never forget this, but she needs to find a way to keep going. He tells her to go home and get some rest; he says Claire made a mistake and is not allowed to talk to the family nor anyone else about this. She understands and leaves.

Dr. Andrews joins Jared in the elevator after their shift, he called the other hospital who asked him to pass on their gratitude for his generous donation to their burn unit. He doesn’t begrudge that he comes from a wealthy family but reminds him he cannot open his wallet every time a patient is in need, as the lines can get real blurry, really fast. Jared nods and gets off the elevator.

Claire looks in on her patient as Dr. Glassman informs her that Jenna has died. Jessica hands Melendez her health care proxy, saying it’s good to know nothing will happen. They kiss as they leave the hospital. Outside the hospital, Aaron sits with Shaun on the bench, talking to him about not wanting love. He said he loved his brother and his rabbit, but now he doesn’t because you can’t love people or things that are dead. He reaffirms he doesn’t want love. Aaron says “okay” and asks him if he wants breakfast, Shaun says he wants 4 pancakes instead of 3 and agrees to go.
22 Steps

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Guest Stars: Paul Dooley (Glen), Christina Chang (Dr. Lim), Coby Bird (Guest Star), Catherine Lough Haggquist (Guest Star), Kari Matchett (Guest Star), Tim Beckmann (Don West), Teryl Rothery (JL), Luvia Petersen (Lisa-Jane), Angela Moore (Nurse Jones), Shaughnessy Redden (Psychiatrist), Lucia Walters (Dr. Park), Parveen Dosanjh (Nurse), Michael Antonakos (Nurse), Devon Sandhu (Salesman), Adil Zaidi (Nurse Dhanoa), Mayumi Yoshida (Nurse Jeannie)

Summary: Dr. Shaun Murphy has to confront prejudice from an unlikely source when he takes on the case of a patient with autism, and Dr. Jared Kalu has to learn to accept his limitations as a surgeon.

The episode begins with Dr. Shaun Murphy staring at some brand new TVs through an electronics store window. Dr. Aaron Glassman comes by to see Dr. Claire Browne to see how she is doing after her patient died because of something she did wrong. She says she is dealing by getting back to work and putting it behind her; he sits down and wants to know how she is doing that and says he is making an appointment for her for grief counseling; and only if Dr. Mohan says she is okay will she be able to go back to surgery. He tells Claire to be patient.

Dr. Neil Melendez arrives in the ER where they meet a patient, who has a broken pacemaker and probably needs his coronary arteries cleared; Claire looks at the tablet but Shaun takes it from her. Shaun says he is 73 years old, and cannot have a transplant, so he is dying; Melendez says he isn’t dead yet. Dr. Jared Kalu suggests cardiac synchronization, which can make him feel better for the few months he has left. His alarms go off, Claire is ordered to cut his throat but hesitates, when Melendez questions her she says she drank too much coffee and does it; but as Shaun goes to find out if there is an in-house pacemaker he notices the EMS bringing in a young patient who is wounded and they strap him down.

Shaun goes into the Emergency area and tells them they are scaring him, as they say he is psychotic. Shaun says he doesn’t like people touching him, as he calms down he says he is not psychotic, he is autistic. Shaun cleans him up, and when he says he is done, the patient looks at Shaun and says he is the same as him. He wants his hands released, so when his parents arrive they release his hands. All he can say to them is “wrong stop!”
When they ask what happened, he says Liam had a laceration to his head, probably from a fall, he explains how he cleaned it. Liam says he "got lost!" and the mother is shocked that Shaun was his doctor. The father Don West says the bright lights make him anxious and asks if they can take him home, Shaun says he is jaundice and tender when touching his side and shouldn't go home.

Jared talks to their patient, explaining how he got there. When asked, he tells him he is 28 and that a pacemaker is being flown in later this afternoon and they will prep him for surgery then. Dr. Shaun Murphy explains to Dr. Melendez what is going on with Liam. He tells him to do an RCP to clear him, after that a few weeks of broad-spectrum antibiotics should take care of things. It's obvious by Shaun's face that he disagrees. Claire is at a computer, filling out a psyche evaluation and Shaun interrupts her, asking if she will help him with the RCP saying she is good with people who have autism.

Jared returns to his patient, Glen's room, knocks on his bathroom door, realizes he is gone and calls a code green. Claire gives Liam the sedative, and he has a respiratory reaction to it, Shaun is able to have the CO2 come down and asks Claire to continue. As she proceeds with the test, she thinks it is nice for him to finally interact with someone else who has autism; he doesn't understand what she is saying but they are interrupted when they realize his problem has nothing to do with gallstones, there is so much scarring inside him, they cannot even get the camera to go through him.

Shaun talks to Dr. Melendez about the possibility of all the scarring as being primary sclerosing cholangitis, liver failure, secondary to primary biliary cirrhosis. Melendez tells Shaun they can add cancers to that list as well, as it is a long and ugly list and tells him to find another way to figure it out. Shaun says there is no way to do an MRI and Claire says he can't have a sedative because he could die from it and they wouldn't know it while he was inside the machine. Shaun says they will do it and leaves the room.

Dr. Glassman finds Shaun pacing the floor of an empty room, he explains that he wants to buy a $1600 television; he reminds Glassman he is not a child and the one he wants is $1643 and he doesn't want one that is $1000; insisting he wants his own budget. Jared sits with security who says Glen got onto a freight elevator, but they don't have cameras on a couple of the floors that the freight elevator goes to, he feels they are dealing with an abduction and leaves the room.

Claire is in the elevator when she gets a message from Dr. Glassman saying her appt with Dr. Mohan for grief counseling is set for 12 noon. She is about to respond when Jared gets on the elevator, he presses the basement button, he tells her he is looking for a pediatric patient's blanket, she smiles and tells him while he is there he should check on his code green.

Liam is placed on the MRI, where Shaun begins to talk to him; his dad tells Claire to turn down the lights and Liam responds to Shaun as they attempt to start the test. He listens to Shaun, responds to him and they are getting great images, Liam's father, Don says it is amazing how accomplished Shaun is for having ASD. Liam suddenly begins to panic and before they can finish, the father and Claire run in to pull him out of the machine as Shaun and Liam's mother look on.

Jared searches the basement for Glen, but when he finds him, Glen reveals he broke his pacemaker on purpose because he wants to die. He knows he will just keep getting worse and has no family that will nag him into doing what the hospital wants him to do. He says he is in pain all the time, announcing he knows his rights and can refuse treatment if he doesn't want it and the minute he can catch his breath, he is leaving. He orders Jared to leave, but he decides to sit with him in the basement.

Dr. Melendez informs Liam's parents they cannot treat him until they know the underlying cause; they sign the papers for surgery as there is no other option. Meanwhile, Jessica Preston sits with Glassman, talking about how Shaun is getting a 70" TV. She wants to know why he is so worried about Shaun and he reveals that Shaun has been late for work, he calls him at 2 in the morning because he can't find a screwdriver and his super wants to kick him out of the building. She reminds him how hard he fought for Shaun to be a resident at the hospital because he knows Shaun can learn, but the question is, is he willing to let him learn?

Claire finds Shaun watching a TV in one of the rooms in the hospital; he exclaims that he can see the pixelation and that is not great because an eye with 20/20 vision cannot detect the pixels. She turns the TV off and wants to know why he left after the MRI. He said he failed, but she says it's not that, she thinks there is something more going on and questions, whether he
doesn't like him because he has the same condition Shaun, has, saying its too bad because she thinks Liam likes him and looks up to him and he probably understands him more than she does.

Jared is waiting for Glen to pass out, so he can get him upstairs before he dies. Glen says he has lived, married and loved for 20 years, he is now alone, with no roof over his head and is in severe pain, so it feels like the end of the story. He scoffs that Jared claims to understands. He calls Jared an ass because he suffered because he was rich and only saw his parents at Christmas. He talks about boarding school and when he became a man and ready to tell them he was done with them, they were gone, they had sold the house and hadn't told him either.

Claire tries to calm Liam down, his mother holds down his flailing arms and Shaun begins to talk to him. He says it is okay to make mistakes and he should make more of them. He notices Liam's red eyes and asks about herbal supplements; Shaun discovers they don't need to do the scope and that the supplements caused the scarring in his bowels and they now have to go in surgically and remove piece by piece to fix it; Liam's mother thanks Dr. Murphy for diagnosing their son, but there is no way he is allowed to be involved in the surgery.

Melendez speaks to Glassman, who asks if he agrees with them; but if he thinks that Shaun can handle surgery then he needs to tell the parents to go screw themselves and he is part of the team; and if they continue to disagree, then he can offer to find them another place to bring Liam for surgery.

Jared continues to talk to Glen about how his life changed but when he gets no response, he checks his pulse but Glen says he is still alive and wants to know what happened with Jared’s parents. He admits he speaks to them now but it wasn’t them who got him there; it was the ex-Marine at the shelter and this crazy artist girl who convinced him to go after everything he wanted and tells Glen that he isn’t alone, even if he thinks so. Glen agrees for Jared to help him.

Claire goes for her therapy session but seems to be lying about all her emotions and state of mind. Dr. Melendez meets with Liam’s parents who fear that Dr. Murphy won’t be able to help Liam while he is on the operating table. Melendez says they know their son, but he knows surgeons and after working with Dr. Murphy, and challenging him in surgery and everywhere else, he has complete confidence in Shaun. The parents still refuse, so Melendez offers transportation to another hospital; the father looks for his phone and mother looks for the bag with his medications; suddenly Liam says he wants Dr. Shaun!

Jared tells Glen his pacemaker is there and will return when he is ready to put it in. Glen admits his wife didn’t die, she left him and he gave her good reason but Jared didn’t get what he deserved like good parents who loved him; they were lucky to have him. Jared smiles and holds his hand briefly.

Claire seems remarkably well adjusted, which concerns Dr. Mohan. She doesn’t reach the requirement to be grounded from work, saying she is a strong woman but if she has suppressed feeling about this incident, she needs to share them with someone, or they will eat her up. Jared returns to Glen’s room with the transporter only to find his bed empty again. He goes on the hunt for him again.

Dr. Shaun Murphy arrives in Liam’s room, but as soon as he says he is glad to be participating, Liam’s pressure is bottoming out and he is going into septic shock. In the OR, Melendez quizzes the team, and they are told to do a full-length middle incision of the bowel to find where it is perforated. Melendez offers the scalpel to Dr. Murphy, who takes it, remembering when his brother gave him his toy scalpel. He does the incision and gives the time.

Jared gets a call while the code green is announced over the speakers; Jared rushes off. Meanwhile, Shaun cannot move as he found the perforated spot, he has his hands wrapped around it. Melendez says he cannot move or the boy dies; Shaun says he already knows that. Melendez wants Claire to slowly cut it open and he will suck out the septic contents and flush it with antibiotics. The pressure is tanking and the nurse says they need to finish what they are doing right now.

Jared finds Glen on the roof, who says he just doesn’t want to do this. Once he has his strength back, he is going to climb over the railing and jump. Jared once again sits beside him and tells him how slowly he will die if he just sits there. Glen, who calls Jared “28”, tells him to give it a rest, give him a DNR and a cab, saying he cannot help him. Jared refuses to give up.

Shaun and Melendez come to see Liam’s parents, saying they removed 2 feet of bowel, and
he will be okay. His mother hugs Shaun, she quickly apologizes for touching him. He says don’t feel bad, as they love him and did what was best for him, and Shaun didn’t have that from his parents. Melendez smiles when Shaun says because his parents didn’t care about him he didn’t have to take the herbal supplement that caused such damage in the first place and walks out.

Jared sits with Glen, who signed a DNR. Glen shuts off the temporary pacemaker and Jared shuts off the alarms. He sits and asks Glen if he feels any anxiety, he says no but feels a little pain. Jared gives him some morphine to offset the pain. Glen puts his hand on Jared’s shoulder and thanks him as he takes his last breath and Jared cries.

In the locker room, Jared walks in and tells Claire that his patient didn’t want the pacemaker he was a good guy. Claire finally admits to him that she also lost a patient and agrees to talk about it; she rests her head on his shoulder. Don watches over his son Liam, who wakes up with his mother at his side. Shaun says his surgery went well and will be able to walk around in 2 weeks when the antibiotics have cleared his infection. Don quickly wants to dim the lights but suddenly stops and asks Liam if he wants them dimmed and he says they are okay! Shaun smiles as he sees Liam and his parents together.

Aaron and Shaun are watching football, while Aaron is trying to teach Shaun about online banking and budgeting. They are cheering for the game when suddenly Shaun wants to go to the Superbowl; Aaron says that is something he needs to remember when he is budgeting, then says they should both go. Suddenly, the Salesperson from the store informs them it is almost closing time and they need to go. Shaun says he would like to buy this TV and the guy tells them they can stay as long as they like; they recline their chairs and chill out.
Apple

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Guest Stars: Christina Chang (Dr. Lim), Paige Spara (Lea), Jesse James (Guest Star), Kacey Rohl (Guest Star), Catherine Lough Hagggquist (Guest Star), Kari Coleman (Nurse Farrar), Alvina August (Nurse Paikin), Teryl Rothery (JL), Adil Zaidi (Nurse Jag Dhanoa), Elizabeth McCallum (Avery’s Mother), Terence Hayman (Avery’s Father), Brendon Zub (Policeman), Eiffna Luk (ER Nurse), Juliana Wimbles (Paramedic), David Soo (Store Clerk), Kathryn Kirkpatrick (Food Services Person), Zachary Gordon (Brandon)

Summary: During a robbery at the grocery mart Dr. Shaun Murphy is shopping at, his communication limitations puts lives at risk. Meanwhile, after Shaun’s traumatic day, Dr. Aaron Glassman worries that he isn’t doing enough to help Shaun.

The episode begins with Dr. Shaun Murphy’s alarm going off and his going through his daily routine, same as Dr. Aaron Glassman. Aaron arrives at a track and field track and sits in the stands as Shaun dresses and grabs a yogurt and apple from his refrigerator; but before he can take a bite, his neighbor, Lea comes in, takes his apple and complains that the power was cut from her apartment for over 15 minutes because her music is too loud. She says a normal person would knock and complain but Shaun says she should get headphones. She puts the apple back on the table and angrily suggests he help the super write the eviction notice.

Shaun goes to the grocery store, checking out the apples; a couple grabs two bottles of water, wondering if it is too hot for a hike when a gunman comes in and orders everyone to put their hands up and give him their wallets. Shaun continues to hold the apple as the gun is right in his face and the man yells at him.

At the hospital, Dr. Claire Browne joins Dr. Neil Melendez, Dr. Jared Kalu, and Dr. Lim rush out to meet the ambulances where Avery arrives with a single gunshot wound to the abdomen and Shaun comes in the other ambulance with another patient who has a blunt force neck injury and trachea is crushed, as airway is not secured. Brandon, sees Shaun standing in the ER hallway and demands to know what he is doing there, saying this is all his fault!

A police officer informs Melendez that the gunman came in, shouted out orders and his doctor didn’t comply. Apparently, the girl got shot and the store clerk clocked the gunman with a bat
and that is all they know. Melendez tells Shaun that police want to talk to him and then he can go home; Shaun says his shift is just starting but Melendez reminds him he was just at a shooting and he doesn’t have time to hold his hand. Shaun says he doesn’t like to have his hand being held.

Once Shaun confirms that he is okay after the trauma of what happened today, he informs Shaun that he is working with him today. Shaun is told to get the ultrasound ready to see what is going on inside. Claire cuts off the gunman’s shirt to find a swastika tattoo on his chest; and when they learn there is only one OR available, Claire immediately tells them to take it but Dr. Lim tells them to hold off as her patient’s airways are so damaged she can't get a good look, and has 5 minutes until he is brain dead. She tells Claire she is scrubbing in with her.

During surgery, Lim warns Claire, saying it is a slippery think letting her feelings about a patient cloud her medical judgment. Claire defends her actions but Lim tells her she was wrong and to simply own it; Claire challenges her, then Lim orders her to scrub out and leave her OR.

During surgery, Jared wants to know why Brandon thinks Avery’s shooting is Shaun's fault, but before he can answer the alarms go off and Melendez says he can’t sew “ground beef back into steak” and she is going to have to live without her spleen. Dr. Shaun Murphy shows his magic to the surgical team, as he sews her up, stopping the bleeding and stabilizing her as Melendez says they can move onto the perforated bowel.

Dr. Aaron Glassman rushes in to see Shaun, thankful he is okay. Shaun assures him that he wasn’t injured. When asked what happened this morning, he tells Aaron that Lea ate his apple; but when asked about the store. Shaun explains that his hands are where the gunman can see them, but his wallet is in his pocket so if he goes to get them, he won’t be able to see them. The gunman asks him if he thinks he is a hero and Shaun says he is a surgical resident. He is told to shut up and this isn’t a game. Shaun begins to pace as the others plead with Shaun to do as he is told. The gun misfires and he shot the woman, Avery, while distracted, the clerk bashes the gunman.

Aaron orders Shaun to take the day off, saying it was a traumatic event. Shaun says it was not his fault and that Melendez wants him to monitor her. Claire approaches Dr. Lim, apologizing; Dr. Lim says he survived and Claire is going to make sure he stays stable by babysitting him all night in the ICU because she lipped off in the operating room and tells her that he better be breathing in the morning.

Aaron goes to see Melendez, who says he assessed Shaun and it seems that nothing impacts him and since his photographic memory is a plus, he is also adding cold-hearted into the plus column as well; Aaron isn’t convinced. Shaun goes to see Dr. Mohan, who tries to assess him, promising to have apples the next time they meet. She asks if he regrets anything from that morning, he says it already happened and cannot do things differently. She asks if it is upsetting him, and what he is thinking about right now? He says inflammatory response syndrome.

Dr. Melendez meets with Brandon, explaining Avery's condition and that the next 24-hours is critical. He asks Brandon to get her next of kin in as soon as possible, he admits he doesn’t even know her last name as this was their first date, and met on a dating app so she wasn't carrying ID or her purse. Melendez says then he doesn’t need to be there, but Brandon says he doesn’t want her to be alone, Melendez says he will get a social worker to try to locate her family.

Claire goes to see her patient, and see that he has needle tracks in his arms, he says he needs fentanyl but she says the worst thing she can do is feed his habit. He says now that she has seen his tattoo she wants him to hurt. When she refuses to give him the drugs, he throws his food tray at her and security cuffs him to the bed.

Dr. Glassman meets with Dr. Mahon who agrees with Dr. Melendez, saying that the case seems to be Shaun's primary focus and maybe his condition is a blessing in this situation or his obsessing over Avery’s health is helping him ease a guilty conscience. She says Shaun has a unique mind and very introverted nature, Aaron stands up but is frustrated that she doesn’t have any real answers for him.

Claire talks to Melendez, asking him to tell Dr. Lim to back off; he tells her that she needs to shut up and do exactly what she is told to do. She is about to protest but decides it’s better to be quiet. She then sits with Shaun, suggesting they swap spots and watch each other’s patients; he refuses. Claire asks if he is okay with everything that happened and all he can talk about is Lea eating his last apple after she was upset with the landlord. He thinks she left angry because after he gave her advice she left without saying goodbye. Claire advises him that when it comes
to women he should just be there to be supportive.

Claire is summoned back to ICU by her patient, all his struggling pulled out his IV. He calls her incompetent, talking about “her people”, saying most technological advances are behind a Northern European. She says she doesn’t like violent punks, thieves, racists but she still treats them; he asks her about her mother, suggesting she only got into school because she cried to the Dean about her crack whore mother... she stabs him with the IV needle and he says they are all violent punks!

Shaun comes to see Avery and Brandon tells him all he had to do was give the gunman his wallet. Shaun realizes her urine outtake is low and rips off her blanket, when Brandon attempts to stop him, he says she needs dialysis as her kidneys are failing fast as this is the first stage of total organ failure.

Melendez rushes in and helps Shaun there is fluid building up in her chest and is in pulmonary failure too. Brandon watches as Shaun puts the needle between her ribs and they are able to drain fluid and able to stabilize her; Melendez says to watch her ventilation pressure like a hawk and if anything changes to page him. He tells Brandon he doesn’t even know Avery, so stop trying to be her hero and stop berating Dr. Murphy as he doesn’t even know him either and orders him to go home.

Claire comes to see Dr. Lim and says she is done, as the patient is a foul mouth bully, she mocks her saying she will ask the concierge find a patient more to her liking. She tells Claire she doesn’t care and asks her if she really doesn’t see the problem there. Lim says she is confronting her in front of two nurses and questions whether she would do that to Melendez, or would she wait 5 minutes? Lim says she has dealt with men undermining her, her entire career and women shouldn’t be doing it to each other too, and orders Claire back to take care of him like any other patient.

Shaun looks through the food trays for an apple, Aaron tells him to forget the apple and asks to speak to him in private. He doesn’t want Shaun to get defensive and asks him to retell him what happened that morning. Shaun explains how his pacing did not cause the shooting, but when Aaron keeps talking, Shaun thinks that he believes it was Shaun’s fault too. Aaron says it was the shooters fault but Shaun’s actions could have contributed to it and some of his behavior is in his control and therefore is a bit of his fault and also maybe Aaron’s too.

They sit down as Aaron says he convinced himself that things were great but he informs Shaun that he needs guidance, much more than he can give him. Shaun says he needs to be with his patient as he is supposed to watch her like a hawk and walks out.

In Avery’s room, Brandon says it is his fault because he didn’t like her because when he met her this morning he didn’t like the way she looked and wanted to blow her off, so he said he forgot to water, and without his wallet and her purses, they can’t go hiking without water. He says ”No harm, no foul!” Brandon cries and says Avery is here because of him. Shaun says it is not a causal relationship, lying doesn’t cause shooting. The alarms go off on her machines and Shaun says she is dying and to page Melendez.

Claire comes to see her patient and learns her patient is having trouble breathing, she removes the bandages and sees his neck and throat are super swollen. Melendez says Avery is in end-stage organ failure; Jared suggests it could be a bleed and not her heart at all but Melendez isn’t sure her body could handle another surgery. Melendez chooses to go with Jared’s suggestion over Shaun’s as her alarms sound again.

In the OR, they are going to open her up from chest to pelvis to find the bleed. Shaun visualizes everything, tells them to stop, and tells them to cut her between two ribs, remembering where the bullet hit her and followed her injuries.

The patient begs Claire to save him but passes out before Dr. Lim arrives. She asks for a procedure tray, she has never done it before, asks for a scalpel and looks for where she needs to cut, Lim comes in asking for an update, she is surprised Claire did it there and tells her this is why they need to watch them so closely 24 hours after surgery and asks if she minds if they finish this in the operating room?

Shaun tells Melendez where to go, he is able to find something and Avery’s stats also go up and they are able to save her. Shaun says he was wrong but Melendez says he was, but he just made up for it. Shaun tells Jared he was right and ”good work.”

Claire’s patient wakes up, she tells him he was right that her mother had problems so she couldn’t expect everything to be handed to her or whatever is holding him back but she worked
her ass off to get where she is. She leaves the room as a police officer stands outside his room.

Avery’s parents arrive as Melendez informs them she isn’t out of the woods yet but he does expect her condition to improve day by day. She wakes up, joking that she won’t be hiking anytime soon. She catches Brandon before he sneaks out. She thanks him and apologizes, saying she was wrong about him, admitting she was hoping he was trying to ditch her. He says when she is feeling better, he would like a second chance at a first date.

Claire comes into the OR and apologizes to Dr. Lim, saying she was right and that since she publicly disrespected her it was only right for her to publicly respect her, saying she is grateful to get the chance to learn from her. Dr. Lim tells her she is glad she had this victory and saved a life today, too bad it was a Nazi! Claire smiles and leaves.

At the field, Aaron sits at the track and is met by Jessica Preston, they talk about how his daughter used to always took Lane #2 and always snuck up behind her; saying it was 13 years ago today and she misses her too. He talks about how he gave her space but no matter what he did, he did it wrong; Jessica assures him that he did his best. They talk about when they were teenagers and if he was home more, and stayed on her more, things might have been different. Jessica tells him to be there at Shaun.

Shaun is watching TV when there is a knock at his door, it is Lea. He apologizes, explaining what Claire told him about supporting her even if she is wrong. She doesn’t accept the apology, admitting she overreacted and that he is brutally honest and asks him to never change that because he is the only honest guy she knows. She hands him an apple and wishes him a good night and promises to try not to keep him up with her music. He takes the apple in both hands and knocks on her door, saying he made a mistake today and someone got hurt; she hugs him and he lets her do it but doesn’t hug her back.
The episode begins with Lea witnessing a woman leaving Dr. Shaun Murphy’s apartment, he shares that he is interviewing for a housekeeper, but he isn’t hiring her because her clothes don’t match; Lea looks at her clothes and calls him an “asshat!” grabbing his arm and leaving him confused.

At St. Bonaventure hospital, Allegra Aoki is holding a press conference, as their International humanitarian program comes to fruition. She introduces Dr. Neil Melendez and Dr. Avi Mehta, who, after screening hundreds of candidates have ultimately decided on an inspiring young boy named Gabriel from the Republic of Congo with severe heart anomalies. At the reception, both Melendez and Mehta feel Allegra should have stuck with the list of candidates they selected but she tells Melendez there were several intangibles that made her choose off the list. When he meets the candidate he understands that cuteness was one of them.

Melendez reminds her the cuteness and sob story would work on donors but not on the medical results and certainly not on him; Dr. Mejta disagrees. She asks Melendez to do his own work up before he makes his final decision.

Dr. Marcus Andrews and his colleague, Isabel come to see a patient named Elizabeth who is a podcast host, they are hoping everything will come back benign and will be another great episode to talk about. Dr. Claire Browne jokes along with them when Elizabeth the patient comments on how they work together like ping and pong; Claire jokes most married couples who work together are like Miss and match!
Dr Melendez and the intern team come to see Gabriel, as Melendez is examining him, Mehta says "he really needs our help." Nothing is said again until they are in the hallway and Melendez says it sounds like he has blowdryer in his chest. Melendez I sure they cannot repair the hear but Mehta doesn’t know until they do all the tests and refuses to give up.

Shaun meets with Dr. Aaron Glassman who is upset that Shaun turned away a housekeeper whose clothes didn’t match; Shaun confronts him on doing this because he didn’t respond well to a man with a gun robbing a store. Shaun walks away, saying he is happy and doesn’t think he could be happier. He walks in with the machine for Gabriel, telling Claire about his neighbor Lea. He tells her that Lea doesn’t like him because she called him an “asshat” while touching him; Claire says Lea was flirting with him; because when flirting some people say the opposite of what they mean. She gives him tips to look for if she is flirting.

Both Dr. Andrews are enjoying their dinner when they receive a call that Elizabeth’s specimen has been misplaced but he assures her that they will find it. In the lab, Claire is told that everyone is so quick to blame the lab as it might not have even made it to the cart to the lab, even though Claire seen it placed in the specimen bottle, she’s advised to check back with surgery.

Shaun is with Melendez when Mehta apologizes for further testing when he admits he has never seen so many anomalies in one heart; they suggest a medication that could give him a couple years of life. Melendez plans to break the news to the mother and asks Mehta tell Allegra Aoki. Melendez to Gabriel’s room, his mother is playing a drum that she taps at a heartbeat that reminds his heart to beat until the doctors are able to fix it. Melendez informs her, they have done all their tests and all he knows is that her son has a heart he cannot fix. She says they wouldn’t have come so far with a heart she didn’t think he could fix.

Claire searches every sample and cannot find Elizabeth’s sample. Dr. Andrews and Jessica Preston tell her she can feel sorry but cannot use the words "sorry" nor "mistake". Jessica informs Elizabeth that they cannot find her specimen and says she will be damned if she has to have her voice box removed because someone screwed up.

Shaun confronts Dr. Glassman about him not being stupid. He talks about flirting. Shaun says he likes to be alone but Aaron says being alone and being lonely are two different things; the conversation gets switched around and now Shaun learns that Aaron is lonely and he encourages him to know the trifecta of flirting.

Claire and the lab technician hunt the hospital for Elizabeth’s specimen and with a little prodding, he reveals he did stop at the cafeteria for a little while. Dr. Jared Kalu is packing up Gabriel’s things and finds his mother in the bathroom, watching the toilet as she repeatedly flushes the toilet. She comments on how much water there is and always more. Gabriel’s vitals drop and Jared calls for help as she begins to tap on her drop.

Dr. Shaun Murphy comes to see Gabriel. Dr. Mehta calls for blood work every 15 minutes but Shaun has an idea and chases after him with the toy Mr. Potato Head. Meanwhile, Claire and the Lab tech go to the cafeteria, where Gwen brings them to the biohazard bag. Shaun catches up to Melendez and begins to explain things but he tells him to stop and follow him. In the cafeteria’s lost and found bin.

Shaun explains to Allegra the procedure that could save Gabriel’s life; Melendez says it was a terrible idea and won’t work but since she was keen on making terrible decisions for him, he felt she should know. Shaun asks him if fear of failure a good reason not to do this; Melendez says that he isn’t sending him home in a box. Elizabeth continues to argue with Claire, but when she apologizes, Elizabeth hugs her and she thanks her for that. Melendez says "good for you" and won’t reveal that she broke the rules but suggests she finds those samples.

Melendez goes to speak to the mother, confirming that he hasn’t been taking his medication. She says she has been keeping it because if he starts to get better, they send him back to the dangerous village they live in. She says he will never understand, that their greatest want is HOPE! Melendez gives in and agrees to do whatever he can.

The Andrews are enjoying dinner, talking about Elizabeth. He feels he did the surgery correctly, anything after that isn’t his fault nor his problem. She wants him to feel horrible because it is the only thing that will make him change back into the man she married. She is angry that him going after President of the hospital would leave her so far out of his life, and begins to read text messages from him about not coming home for dinner or for her “not to wait up”.

Claire has drawn on the whiteboard, the trips of each specimen and where they all go. Shaun comes in and shows a chart of his own about all the flirting he has noticed in the hospital; she
loves the list until he had noticed her with Dr. Melendez and protests that isn’t true. Melendez interrupts them, asking Murphy to elaborate on his idea for Gabriel’s surgery; together, they are in the OR, working with a 3-D image of Gabriel’s heart and attempt to do a practice surgery.

Claire talks to the lab tech, saying her goal was to be the best surgeon in history but her new goal is to not get washed out of her residency. Dr. Andrews comes to join Claire, saying this is a team problem and should be a team solution, joining in on the search. Jessica approaches Dr. Browne and reprimands her for telling Elizabeth she was sorry and hopes they don’t see the price tag on that and tells her they are out of time to save the specimen. Melendez and Shaun continue to work on the 3D heart; they succeed. Shaun wishes him good luck but admits he doesn’t believe in it.

The team comes to see Elizabeth, informing her that they don’t know if she has cancer and there is no way to find out. The options are having surgery she may not need, leaving her without speech or do nothing and maybe die.

Gabriel’s mother and Dr. Jared Kalu lift Gabriel onto the surgical gurney and the surgery begins. Elizabeth sits in her room as she reads little children’s books for her children as Claire looks on. Melendez asks Dr. Murphy how everything looks with Gabriel’s heart; he says its 14mm and it is perfect, but suddenly he doesn’t think there is enough for outflow. Shaun reminds him on the model at 13mm the model died; Melendez makes the call.

Claire stops Elizabeth’s surgery, as she suddenly realizes there could have been a mismatched name on the label, begging the surgeon to give her a little time. Shaun tells Melendez he is at 13mm. Jared sees a reattachment piece and they find something they can work with inside little Gabriel’s heart. Claire works with the lab tech, hoping to find the specimen. Melendez suggests taking Gabriel after bypass after 6 hours and 48 minutes.

The team watches Gabriel’s heart and monitors closely, after 12 seconds there is no action. Jared says he has been on bypass nearly 2 hours too long but Melendez insists they wait. Dr. Murphy is told to close him up as Dr. Melendez goes to see Gabriel’s mother, who is still tapping the drum. He takes her hand and informs her that his heart is beating just fine on its own.

Elizabeth wakes up and Claire comes to see her, she informs her that the specimen was saved in a solution that was meant for a bullet and it was fresh as a daisy. Dr. Andres informs her that she doesn’t have cancer. She hugs Claire and thanks her.

Allegra watches as Dr. Kalu and Dr. Melendez watch cartoons with Gabriel and his mother. She calls ”Intangibles” out to Melendez before she walks away. Shaun comes to see Aaron, saying he had a big day and caught Claire flirting with Dr. Melendez. He says he was aware of the queues even when Claire wasn’t and she could probably use a life coach. Aaron praises him for learning but when he finds a life coach he will learn faster. Shaun doesn’t want a stranger helping him, asking if Aaron is giving up on him. Aaron admits he can’t always be there. Shaun reaffirms he doesn’t want a stranger helping him and walks out. Claire meets Melendez outside, they congratulate each other. Jessica joins Melendez and gives Claire the court papers from Elizabeth and her lawyers.

Lea and Shaun get off the elevator and he tells her she looks absurd in that sweater. She tells him she has apples and offers him one. She unlocks her apartment and he follows.
The episode begins with Dr. Marcus Andrews informing the interns that he has a VIP who needs surgery on his elbow and he has room for a couple of interns to assist him and Dr. Neil Melendez; Dr. Jared Kalu acknowledges there is three interns — himself, Dr. Shaun Murphy and Dr. Claire Browne, so Dr. Melendez says the intern who doesn’t go with them will perform surgery with Dr. Matt Coyle who will be doing a fasciotomy.

They draw names, Shaun and Jared are doing with them as Claire is stuck with Coyle. As they are talking about the patient, Dr. Murphy wants to know if he is considered a VIP because he is an athlete or because he has a lot of money; Dr. Melendez says it is both. Before he can join them on the elevator, Shaun is called away by Dr. Aaron Glassman who introduces him to Melissa Bourne, the therapist he was telling Shaun about. He admits he is not comfortable with the meeting as Glassman insists he will be fine if he would only give her a chance; Shaun nods his head but rushes out the door to the elevators as Glassman says he is proud of him, but Shaun begins to grab his hair and shake angrily.

Dr. Melendez is talking to their patient, Bobby about the procedure as Jared is taking notes when a rattled Dr. Murphy comes in. He reassures everyone he is fine, sits down and asks the patient to squeeze his hands, visualizes what is happening inside and says there could be several things wrong. Dr. Melendez cuts him off, saying the anesthesiologist will be up soon to prep him but as Shaun leaves he wants to know what is wrong with him.
He knows he about the autism and savant syndrome but wants to know why he would let Melendez "shut him down" like that. He tells Shaun they don’t respect him and they should listen to him the first time and that is how the game is played. He says sometimes the stakes in the game are high and this time it is his arm and he feels Dr. Murphy needs to voice his concerns and be sure he is heard.

Dr. Coyle asks Claire to tell him about their patient and when she proves to be efficient and thorough, he tells her she can take lead on the case; it seems that Dr. Coyle likes Claire and smiles at her as she exams their patient before surgery.

In surgery, Dr. Murphy tells Dr. Melendez he has beautiful hair then suggests they do a nerve test to make sure their patient doesn’t have any nerve damage, but he refuses. Dr. Andrews asks Melendez to step back so Dr. Kalu can show them what he can do, Jared thanks him and takes over the procedure as Shaun silently looks on.

While Claire is performing the surgery, Dr. Coyle asks the "Ladies" what they are doing tonight; when Claire remains quiet he tells her that he doesn’t know what she does with Dr. Melendez but under his guidance, they like to have fun because when it is less tense, people make less mistakes. He offers for her to do their patient’s other leg.

Shaun leaves the hospital but just as he is going to step on the bus, he returns to the hospital and creeps into a cleaning closet where he curls up and reads a book, deleting messages from Dr. Glassman, saying Melissa is waiting for him at his place. He holds his pen tightly and lies on the mattress he has made in the closet.

The following morning, Dr. Glassman sees Shaun in the hallways as Shaun lies saying Melissa was very helpful but he catches the lie, saying Shaun is wearing the same clothes as yesterday. On the elevator, Aaron says they are at an impasse, and tells Shaun all he has to do is say "No"; and he does. He says that Shaun is a grown man and doesn’t have to see Melissa, but if he agrees to see her 3 times, he will buy him the surround sound system he wants, admitting he is bribing him. Shaun agrees saying he will meet with her that night.

Claire teaches Coyle a new trick on removing gauze from a surgical wound, he is impressed but when he rubs her back saying "very nice work Dr. Browne", it is clear that Claire feels uncomfortable with it. She finds Jared in the hall and begs him to switch cases, saying that Coyle is too friendly, but Jared feels maybe he is just building up a rapport. She turns to Shaun, who flat out refuses saying he likes Bobby, as he gives good advice.

When the doctors come to see Bobby, he wants to know what Dr. Murphy did and he says he didn’t do anything but he is showing early signs of multiple sclerosis (MS) and they should order an MRI. Outside the room, Dr. Melendez says they are not ordering an MRI and at the moment he doesn’t respect Shaun, but Jared stands behind Shaun and then Dr. Andrews says Bobby is a pro-athlete and they should make sure he leaves there 100%.

Dr. Melendez orders Dr. Murphy to do the MRI and Bobby praises Shaun with the "nice score" for getting him to listen; Shaun says it was Jared that got him to do it. Bobby tells him he needs to be fierce if he wants the glory, and Shaun says he doesn’t want the glory, he just wants to be a good surgeon. Bobby shares that he scored his first PS2 by seeing a therapist, reminding him that doing whatever he wants to do, is always an option!

Jessica Preston comes to see Dr. Melendez and reminds him they have dinner with her father that night. He shares that Shaun is "off" about something and Andrews is being too friendly and when Jared is kissing his butt, suddenly he takes over surgery. After she leaves, Jared and Shaun return with the results, showing that Bobby does not have MS but there is clearly something higher up on his bicep. When Dr. Melendez goes to speak to one of the oncologists, he learns that Bobby had cancer 3 years prior and this is definitely cancer again, and it is massive.

Dr. Melendez and his team confront Bobby, who admits the cancer was in his lower leg and how would it have changed how he dealt with his elbow. He says he would have noticed the symptoms that Dr. Murphy noticed; Bobby brings up that he didn’t listen to Dr. Murphy because he doesn’t respect him because he is different. As he continues to berate Dr. Melendez, Shaun cuts him off wanting to know why he would have hid the previous cancer diagnosis as it is not shameful. Bobby admits it messed with his gaming and chose to block cancer and negativity out along with all other weaknesses and just like that, he became the best in the world. Shaun says they need to do a full body scan and Bobby agrees.

Claire tells her patient that her leg looks great, the swelling is beginning to reduce and they can tighten toe sutures. She reveals that she saw how Dr. Coyle was with Claire and it was okay
not to hide how it bothered her because it was the same feeling that caused her to end up like this; a boss who loved her idea but her "cankles" were too distracting! As she talks about how she has to put up with it, or be called names at work, her heart rate drastically rises and Hazel suddenly can't get air.

Dr. Claire Browne calls a Code Blue and needs to intubate; Dr. Coyle arrives and tells her she did strong work when she assures Grace that Hazel will be okay. Meanwhile, during the full body scan, Shaun and Jared are disappointed to find more cancer next to Bobby's brain stem.

Dr. Melendez sits with Dr. Glassman, talking about Bobby's case. Glassman feels he might be like Bobby and shut down those voices of doom and spend his days living, instead of dying whereas Melendez feels he would be scared of the diagnosis, but listen. Glassman says short of making Bobby a vegetable, he isn't sure there is anything they can do for him. Melendez asks if Shaun is okay and when asked if his work is okay, Aaron offers nothing more.

Dr. Melendez, Dr. Kalu and Dr. Murphy return to Bobby's room who learns they found another mass, but this one is on his brain stem, and is inoperable. Bobby smiles, saying he had a good run, wishes it was longer but he would like to go out on top. He asks Melendez if he went out today, could he say the same?

Claire thanks Dr. Coyle for being there, to help her save Hazel's life. She again refuses to go for a drink with him. He says he gives great massages and a killer omelet in the morning. She says that is inappropriate, he leans towards her and she repeats NO. He asks where that is coming from, since she was clearly giving him signals. She denies it but he says he knows about her "banging" Kalu in the call room and when she calls him an ass, he says she is approaching insubordination but he won't report her suggesting she shouldn't have a stick so far up her butt next time she is asked out.

Jessica and Neil meet with her father for dinner; its clear Neil is having a rough day. He informs them he will foot the bill for their entire wedding, when Jessica says they don't need it as they both make great money. He reminds them it won't always be that way when she starts having kids of their own.

One of the janitors finds, Dr. Shaun Murphy in the cleaning closet and he tells him he is hiding from his therapist and although he may not get his surround system, he is doing whatever he feels like doing. Shaun asks him if he is satisfied with what he has done with his life and would he be happy if he died tomorrow? He tells Shaun he married the love of his life, raised 3 beautiful kids and he believes he was good to people. Shaun says that is a very good answer but refuses to see pictures of his kids.

Jessica's father talks about her staying home to raise her kids, saying he is old fashioned and thought she was smarter than to think that "pushing papers" was helping anyone; Neil calls him a parasite who would rather live off a trust fund than contribute to society. He gets up, saying he will pay on his way out and Jessica chases after her father, angry at Neil.

Aaron finds Shaun in the closet, saying he tried everything and suddenly gets an idea about him staying in a broom closet simply to avoid the therapist. Dr. Glassman rushes off. Jared tells Claire she needs to take a stand, as this situation is exactly what HR is for. He admits it won't be easy, but it is the right thing to do. Claire feels it is pointless and they will shift the blame onto her, just like he did when she first approached him about it. She is sleeping with him, and he wouldn't even believe her, how will three strangers feel about it?

Dr. Glassman, with the team meet with Bobby, saying him and Dr. Melendez had a talk, believing they can remove the tumor, if he is willing to make a sacrifice. Bobby feels that would be better than death but Glassman explains if they remove it, he will be paralyzed on his left side. Bobby agrees to it, even when he is told it could result in speech difficulties and eating problems. He is about to sign the papers when Dr. Andrews tells him this is a very risky surgery and he could die on the table and if all goes well, he will be severely disabled. He says he was listening and he is in, even when Andrews insists that his career is over.

Jared walks into the locker room and attacks Dr. Matt Coyle, telling him if he ever takes a disrespectful tone with Claire or even looks at her the wrong way again, he will do a hell of a lot more than throw him up against a wall.

Claire removes the tubing from Hazel, saying overall, she is in good shape. Hazel tells her she wasn't sleeping and heard how she handled Dr. Coyle, saying she wished she had done that, as she was brave. Claire doesn't think she was brave.
During surgery, Dr. Glassman talks about Rick Allen, the one-armed drummer for Def Leppard and Richie Parker, the Nascar driver, who was born without arms. He says that Bobby may never be able to tie his own shoes again but he would never bet against him not competing again. Suddenly his heart rate is rising, and they realize its hyperthermia from the anesthesia, and are able to fix the issue quickly.

Claire comes up to Dr. Andrews’ office, saying she needs to talk to him about Dr. Coyle. He asks her to close the door as he needs to talk to her about the same thing. Dr. Glassman says Bobby’s surgery was a success and the outcome might be better than expected. Dr. Melendez talks about the lack of function on his left side but not as much as they anticipated. He is able to talk back and thanks them.

Shaun stays behind telling Bobby to stay patient, as he attempts to move his left fingers. Shaun asks him if patience is a bad thing when he refuses to listen; Bobby says acceptance is a bad thing, telling him about his childhood and never giving up until he found his “thing.” He advises Shaun to never let anyone tell him what he can and cannot do. Shaun ponders what he says, before he leaves Bobby’s room.

Dr. Melendez comes to Jessica’s office and apologizes, saying it was a rough day and her relationship with her father is her business. She tells him, he doesn’t need to say sorry. He suggests calling her dad, but she blurs out that she doesn’t want to have children. Aaron meets Shaun in the lobby, saying he will drive him home and if he doesn’t want to meet with Melissa, she will leave, but there is no more running away. Shaun feels he is doing this because he is stubborn; Aaron laughs saying he is doing this so Shaun can have a better and happier life. Shaun wants to know what if this doesn’t make him happy and only makes Aaron happy? Aaron says he is not happy but he is done talking and explaining; he grabs Shaun, who pulls back and yells out NO.

He wants to make his own decisions and tells Aaron he cannot keep ordering him around as he isn’t his father. Shaun starts to hit himself in the head, harder and harder, saying he wants to make his own decisions; he suddenly punches Aaron in the face and runs out of the hospital.

Claire finds Jared in the locker room, confronting him on what he had done, saying she never asked him to fight her battles and if he really respected her, he wouldn’t treat her like some damsel who needed rescuing and would treat her with the respect he would automatically give to a man. Jared informs her that Dr. Andrews apparently agrees with her because he has just been fired for physically assaulting another employee. Claire looks at him in total shock.

Aaron opens the door to Shaun’s apartment, he isn’t there. Melissa and Aaron are concerned as there was a photo of him and his brother on the table and it is missing as well. All his clothing is gone, meaning Shaun is not coming back.
Islands Part One

Season 1
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Guest Stars: Paige Spara (Lea), Necar Zadegan (Guest Star), Eric Winter (Dr. Matt Coyle), Kerry Sandomirsky (Mrs. Kunkler), Emily Hinkler (Jenny Kunkler), Elizabeth Hinkler (Katie Kunkler), Teryl Rothery (JL), Alvina August (Nurse Alana Paikin)
Summary: Dr. Marcus Andrews enlists Dr. Neil Melendez on a very sensitive kidney transplant between a pair of twins; Dr. Shaun Murphy decides to take an impromptu trip with his friend Lea and leave his problems behind.

The episode begins with Dr. Glassman searching for Shaun. He barges into Lea’s apartment, expecting to find Shaun there but, he’s nowhere to be found. After Dr. Glassman leaves, Shaun’s hiding-place is revealed. He and Lea have a little chat and she convinces him to join her on a road trip to de-stress. Shaun somewhat reluctantly agrees and they set out for the adventure of Shaun’s lifetime.

At St. Bonaventure, Dr. Andrews recruits Dr. Melendez and Claire to assist on a delicate case involving conjoined twins. The twins, Katie and Jenny Kunkler, are in desperate need of a kidney transplant and also separation surgery. The surgical staff is forced to move up the separation surgery by six-months due to unexpected complications impacting the transplant surgery. Katie and Jenny are absolutely adorable and charming and thanks to Claire’s awesome communication skills, their mother agrees to the surgery.

The surgery appears to have gone well. Their mother is in the room with the twins who are still unconscious from their surgery. When their mother asks when they can be expected to wake up, Dr. Melendez reveals that they should already be awake. He is clearly concerned and, unfortunately, that’s all the information we got from their first episode. We will surely find out their fate in the next episode.

Also at the hospital, Dr. Glassman is covering for Shaun in his absence. When Dr. Andrews and Dr. Melendez begin asking questions about Shaun’s whereabouts, Dr. Glassman simply says he’s taking some personal time. Meanwhile, Dr. Glassman has been calling Shaun’s cell phone and leaving him messages expressing his concern — messages which Shaun has completely ignored.

Dr. Melendez struggles throughout the episode over the fact that his fiancee Jessica doesn’t want children. He’s not sure if he can accept that but, by the end of the episode, decides that he can sacrifice being a parent in order to be with her.
Poor Jared is still fired despite Claire’s attempts to get him reinstated. She even confronted Dr. Coyle about his actions and basically threatened him. She said that he needs to tell Dr. Andrews to reinstate Jared or she will go public with what he did to her. While Dr. Coyle complies, Dr. Andrews is still sticking firm to his decision to fire Jared.

And now, back to Shaun and Lea on the open road! The two set out together and Lea promised to show Shaun the time of his life. They sped down the road and, at first, Shaun was loving it! They two got to know each other better and Shaun even opened up and shared the story of his brother’s death with Lea. Lea let Shaun get behind the wheel and this is where things started to go downhill. She taught him about burning rubber which led to a nervous Shaun almost crashing the car into a telephone pole. As he began to melt down afterward, Lea was able to calm him. First crisis averted.

Later on in the day, Lea took Shaun to a bar where he discovered the wonders that is tequila. He took his first shot and, he even liked it!

As with any night of drinking tequila, this leads to more drinking and eventually, karaoke. At the end of the night, Lea and Shaun head back home where Lea tells him that every date ends with a good night kiss. She asks him to kiss her and he does. Shaun is clearly happy that this happened however, the tequila is about to get its revenge! He ends up running into the house and gets sick from drinking.

The next morning, Shaun is concerned that Lea won’t want to kiss him again because he got sick. She assures him that she would kiss him again and the two go out for breakfast. It’s here that Lea sends Shaun’s world into a downward spiral by dropping a bomb on his poor little heart. Lea tells Shaun that he has inspired her to quit her job and go live her dream. As such, she is going to be moving from San Jose to Hershey, PA in order to work in her family’s auto body shop. Shaun is so distraught at this news that he can’t even respond. He just gets up from the table and leaves the restaurant.

The episode ends with Shaun sitting at a bus stop by himself. He puts in his headphones and plays some music while waiting for the next bus. The song he’s playing is one that Lea had played for him in the car during their epic road trip.
Islands Part Two

Season 1
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Guest Stars: Paige Spara (Lea), Necar Zadegan (Dr. Ko), Elizabeth Hinkler (Katie Kunkler), Emily Hinkler (Jenny Kunkler), Kerry Sandomirsky (Mrs. Kunkler), Robert Moloney (Guest Star), Teryl Rothery (JL), Sunita Prasad (Surgical Nurse), Nelson Wong (Lab Tech), Hayley Sales (Zoe Salter)

Summary: The twins suffer complications from their surgery forcing the team at San Jose Boneventure Hospital to make a life-changing decision. Meanwhile, Dr. Shaun Murphy returns to the hospital after his trip with Lea and decides he needs a more permanent change and gives Dr. Aaron Glassman his two weeks’ notice.

The episode begins with Dr. Claire Browne glad to see that Jenny Kunkler has woken up from the separation surgery and is alert; her twin sister, Katie hasn’t woken up from surgery, so it is too soon to tell about her.

At the nurses’ station, Dr. Marcus Andrews tells Dr. Ko they must have missed something during the surgery because there is no alpha nor beta brain activity with Katie. Dr. Neil Melendez says they both had the exact same vitals and stats but Katie got the graft valve, but an angiogram could tell them if the graft is open or not.

Dr. Shaun Murphy suddenly arrives and says he will start with the test, but Dr. Andrews stops him, saying he was gone for two days and just because he spoke to the President, doesn’t mean he can take time off. Shaun says the next time he needs time to take a road trip with his girlfriend he will talk to Dr. Melendez. Melendez questions him since Dr. Aaron Glassman said he was off dealing with a personal crisis.

Dr. Melendez is not impressed and goes to see Aaron, saying he needs to talk about Shaun. Aaron again says Shaun is out on a personal matter but Melendez says that isn’t what Shaun says who is down in the surgical unit. Meanwhile, Shaun and Claire perform the tests on Katie’s brain. He tells Claire that he kisses Lea and Dr. Glassman is mad at him. They look at the scans and see that Katie is getting almost no blood to their brain but are interrupted when Aaron comes in and asks Shaun to speak to him.

Shaun doesn’t think Dr. Melendez is mad at him, but Aaron assures him he is angry at both of them. He wants to know why Shaun ran away and if the trip away with this girl helped. Shaun nods and smiles at Aaron and tells him he would like to give him “2 weeks notice!”
Jenny asks her mother to get her some more ice chips, but the second she leaves, Jenny panics. When her mother comes back and offers to call a doctor, she tells her it is okay, it was that for the first time in her life she was entirely alone and it felt cold, but someday she will get used to it and maybe even like it.

In Jessica Preston's office, she meets with Dr. Jared Kalu lawyer who has paperwork for wrongful termination. She feels he doesn't have a leg to stand on but he encourages her to read on as there is more to the story. She says she doesn't tolerate staff members personal relations. He interjects again, saying she says and tells her to continue reading.

Melendez, Ko, and Andrews talk about opening Katie’s brain back up, but feel it could be too risky; Shaun visualizes using a stent, which would lower the danger of a stroke and Dr. Ko asks Shaun if he would like to assists. He agrees but before he goes to prepare, he asks Dr. Melendez if he will write him a letter of recommendation.

In the OR, Dr. Ko tells Shaun, he is the one making everyone nervous because he has a real gift. She says surgeons like to judge themselves against their peers and right now Shaun is winning. The stent is damaging her artery and they withdraw but Katie’s brain is starving when Jenny learns what is happening; Jenny needs to see her and says no one understands her. They have to check Jenny’s heart to see how it is doing, but suddenly the room goes quiet.

In the boardroom, the doctors realize that Jenny needs a new heart. They couldn’t see how sick her heart was because Katie’s heart was doing all the work for Jenny. Dr. Melendez says there is no way they can find a match in time for Jenny but Shaun says they already have a perfect genetic match in Katie. Dr. Melendez says Katie is still alive but Dr. Ko says she is unresponsive and she predicts she won’t be coming back but Melendez says she could come back in days, weeks or 20 years from now, but only if Katie stays on a ventilator. Jenny won’t make it through the night; Dr. Ko suggests they propose this to their mother.

Mrs. Kunkler sits as Dr. Ko says there is very little hope for Katie, and Dr. Melendez says without Katie’s heart Jenny will die for sure and if they don’t do anything, Jenny’s heart will stop before the morning. When she asks if it will be painful, Dr. Andrews explains the procedure of how Katie will peacefully pass. She signs the paperwork but tells the doctors not to tell Jenny about this, saying it will destroy her if she knew. She will tell her Katie died.

Dr. Glassman reads Dr. Melendez’ recommendation, saying he will not stop Shaun from doing what he wants, reminding him there is a signature next to his for Aaron to sign. Meanwhile, Jessica meets with Allegra Aoki who used to be in her position, she sanctioned both the doctors who did what Dr. Kalu did, but they were white but Dr. Kalu is not, and was fired. It looks like a racial matter, so Jessica questions it. Allegra says they were star doctors bringing in enough donors, so it was okay to assault people; Allegra tells her to settle.

Claire meets Aaron in the elevator and they talk about Shaun leaving the hospital. She tells Aaron that if he doesn’t sign it, it will reinforce that Shaun believes Aaron is mad at him; but if he does sign, it will remind Shaun that Aaron believes in him.

Mrs. Kunkler is allowed in the OR to say goodbye to Katie as they turn off the ventilator and watch the monitors, waiting for her heart to stop beating, but suddenly she starts to stabilize and Dr. Andrews tells her mother that Katie is not ready to go.

Outside the OR, Dr. Ko says when a ventilator is removed, it is rare for life to continue but it can happen. Claire worries that this means a lifetime vegetative state for Katie, so Dr. Melendez says they need to start a remedy for Jenny’s heart. Shaun begins to walk and think, visualizing things. He says they should re-conjoin them by their thighs.

Dr Ko laughs, saying it is funny she didn’t think of it. As long as they are attached, Katie’s heart will beat for Jenny and when Katie dies, they can sever the femoral connection and transplant Katie’s heart into Jenny. Dr. Melendez scoffs, saying they just spent 40 hours separating them and now they want to put them back together.

Jenny, meanwhile, is furious at her mother, feeling she tried to kill Katie but she explains that it was a mercy to keep Jenny alive. Dr. Andrews says that Katie is only alive for the organs right now, but Jenny says he was wrong before and how does she know he isn’t wrong this time too? Jenny refuses to ask Katie to be her “life support machine.”

Claire asks Dr. Andrews if they could put the sisters in the same room overnight because she doesn’t think Jenny sees herself as an individual yet and maybe them being close could help her change her mind about having Katie help her.
Shaun and Lea are packing up her apartment, where she questions him if he is only doing this to be with her. She tells him that Dr. Glassman is only trying to help him, and asks him what if he needs help. He asks her, how will he know if he needs help if he doesn’t go? At home, Jessica suggests to Neil that they should book a trip, they quickly get into a competition over folding underwear and then get playful as he tells her she is the only good thing about his day.

Jenny sits up in her bed and inches so that her head is right against her sister Katie’s and holds her hand as Claire looks from the window. Jenny tells the doctors she couldn’t sleep all night until she could feel Katie’s heartbeat in her hand and if she does, at some point Katie’s heartbeat will be from inside her and wherever she goes, Katie will always be with her. She finally agrees to do it and they immediately take her into surgery; Jenny is awake for the surgery and can tell the exact moment it is done and she is told she did great!

Dr. Glassman talks to Shaun, who tells him Lea is moving to Hershey. He signs the recommendation letter, admitting he brought Shaun there because he thought Shaun needed him. Aaron gives it to him but says he doesn’t want him to go: it he stays he will back off and let Shaun make his own choices and his own mistakes. Shaun looks at the letter, reads it over as Aaron tells Shaun he believes in him before he walks away.

Shaun is looking at Katie’s monitors as her mercury drops a little, they are concerned that Katie’s heart isn’t able to do the work they expected. Suddenly Katie whispers Jenny’s name, and her sister tells her she is right there; everyone is shocked at the miracle. Dr. Menendez tells Claire he wants a complete workup done on Jenny.

In the hallway, Dr. Ko and Dr. Andrews and Dr. Melendez inform Mrs. Kunkler that Katie is doing remarkably well, but they don’t know what caused this. She tells them she knows — they needed each other and always have. Dr. Andrews and Melendez tell her they don’t know how long Katie’s heart can tolerate the strain of Jenny’s circulation and they need to find a donor heart ASAP.

Dr. Kalu declines the settlement offer, saying he doesn’t want them to hurt; he wants his job back and won’t settle for anything else.

Claire asks if Lea knows that Shaun is moving to Pennsylvania because she is moving there? He says he isn’t but Lea makes him happy; Claire reminds him that Lea isn’t the only one who can do that and admits she is going to miss him.

Shaun and Claire get the test results and they rush upstairs because they realize now that Jenny is killing Katie because the protein levels are for two hearts instead of one. The surgical team rush to the OR, but the twins say they can’t separate them, saying they are in this together, like they have always been, this is the way they were meant to be. Before the surgical team can get in the OR, the alarms sounds, Jenny codes as Katie cries holding her hand.

Claire comes to see Mrs. Kunkler, who says “It’s Jenny!” and Claire says her heart had nothing left to give. Katie is stable and her vitals are good, but they need her help as she won’t allow them to separate her from Jenny, and if they don’t act fast, Katie will clot and die. Her mother comes into the OR, the surgeons clear out to give her some privacy, as she tells Katie to let her go. She tells her mom she never wanted to do this in the first place, reminding her that she always said they were made like this for a reason and she won’t let them do this, even if it kills her. She is told to look at her sister and says she can’t lose both of her daughters.

Jared tells Dr. Andrews he checked out the twins’ file and it is an amazing case; Dr. Andrews makes it clear that he doesn’t want him there. Jared says he presented the truth to Ms. Preston and Dr Andrews understands that, but the problem doctors should have been dealt with a long time ago but Jared compromised his integrity; the incident with Dr. Matt Coyle had nothing to do with skin color, but that is what Jared and his lawyer sold for leverage and misrepresented racism for something it wasn’t.

Katie finally agrees for the separation surgery and Jared is put on suction. Mrs. Kunkler covers Katie up when she wakes up cold in her own bed. Shaun comes to see Dr. Glassman in his office, saying he spoke to Claire and puts the envelope back on his desk. Aaron opens his desk and puts it in his desk drawer.

Neil returns home to find Jessica sitting at her desk, she tells him she wants to break-up. She loves him but wants him to have everything in his life which includes kids. She knows he will regret the decision to stay with her when she doesn’t ever want to have any. She tells him it would be more devastating to be resented by him than to have her heartbroken. She takes his hands and says he is going to be a great dad.
Lea is going on the elevator but hands Shaun the signed baseball, she says he can borrow and bring it when he visits. She asks if she can put her arms around him. He puts the ball on the ground and she wraps her arms around his neck as she asks him if he is a good doctor; because when she thinks of him, he is. She kisses him on the lips, grabs her bag and leaves, reminding him that she said he could "borrow" the ball.

Once inside his apartment, he takes the ball out of the case and places it on his mantle beside the photo of him and his brother when they were living on the bus.
Dr. Shaun Murphy leaves his apartment and knocks on Lea’s door, remembering she has moved and then heads to the hospital. At the hospital, a mother is reassuring her son that he did the right thing calling 9-11. They are told he had a stroke and Dr. Claire Browne promises they will take good care of him as they take him into the OR.

Dr. Marcus Andrews brings Shaun and Dr. Jared Kalu to their next patient, Nasha Modi who is a 28-yr-old, with a burn to her hand from a cooking accident; Shaun asks if they are being punished as it is not a very interesting case but Dr. Andrews tells him Lesson 1 is not to suggest to the Head of Surgery that working with the Head of surgery is a form of punishment. Dr. Murphy says that Dr. Neil Melendez is very unhappy with how Jared got his job back and unhappy with Shaun for taking 2 days off, but Andrews walks away and they deal with their burn patient.

Once they suggest Nasha will be okay with minimal scarring, she begins to have difficulty breathing, and Dr. Andrews orders a chest x-ray and wants her on oxygen. Dr. Murphy smiles and says her vitals are stable, they look at each other as Dr. Andrews wonders what is going on and Shaun says he doesn’t know but this case IS interesting.

During surgery, Claire comments on how she feels sad for the son if he loses his father but then she is shocked to learn from Dr. Lim that Dr. Matt Coyle who sexually harassed her not only got transferred, he also got a raise.

Dr. Shaun Murphy and Dr. Jared Kalu reveal to their patient that she has considerable lung inflammation, asking if she inhaled smoke. When they leave the room, Shaun asks Jared to explain how the situation doesn’t make sense. Nasha initially told them that she forgot it was hot and that is how she burned her hand but now she is saying she could have burned her lungs from the smoke of a grease fire.
Claire confronts Allegra Aoki demanding to know why Dr. Coyle wasn’t fired. She says his story was different than hers and even though she believes her story, it is her word against his and after her boyfriend assaulted him, it took any leverage she had over him. Allegra admits she got him a job with as little human contact as she could but that was the best she could do and if Claire has any better ideas, she is all ears.

Dr. Lim comes to tell Tessa that her husband will be okay, they will keep him for observation for a couple days; she is paged for another patient and says she will give her an update tomorrow. Dr. Browne shows her scans of Cole Carpenter and they reveal that have to do surgery on him again or he will not survive.

Dr. Melendez performs the scope into Nasha’s lungs with Jared and Shaun observing. Jared insists he deserves another chance while Shaun wants to know if breaking up with his fiance, Jessica Preston was traumatic; like everyone was asking him if he needed time off when he saw someone getting shot, wondering if Dr. Melendez needs time off too. They don’t see any smoke damage and Shaun says that makes sense because he didn’t believe her story in the first place. The scope reached her bronchial wall and she is hemorrhaging and he orders them to prep the OR as Shaun says, “this is bad!”

During surgery, Shaun asks Melendez if he and Jared are even now that he made a mistake too; commenting that the breach was his fault and asks if that was traumatic? Shaun comes to Dr. Aaron Glassman’s office informing him that he had breakfast by himself and wants to know where he was. Shaun asks about the procedure and wonders if he needs to report Dr. Melendez, saying the protocol is very clear but worries about how he will be treated. Aaron tells him to make the decision for himself as that is what they had agreed upon.

Dr. Lim meets with Dr. Andrews, who says the only specialist who is available to operate on the father who has already had the two aneurysms is Dr. Coyle. She talks to Claire who says absolutely not, and he should have been fired for what he has done. Jessica approaches Melendez, asking him if he was upset during a procedure, wondering if Murphy told her he was traumatized by her dumping him. She needs a statement from him, he says he wasn’t distracted and didn’t screw up and gets on the elevator, leaving her in the hallway.

Jared explains to Nasha what happened during the procedure, but Shaun wants to know why she lied; but as he questions her, she says she was confused and says her belly is upset and she begins to vomit; Jared orders a whole series of blood panels and an ultrasound.

Dr. Lim and Dr. Browne meet with their patient’s wife, explaining the procedure will seal off an aneurysm but they are certain of some brain damage; but without the surgery, he will certainly die. She looks at her son and refuses the surgery, revealing that her husband made it clear that he would not want to live in any sort of coma or paralysis.

Shaun has breakfast with Claire, says people lie for at least 7 reasons, wondering if people ever lie without a reason. He says reason #6 is people lie to avoid a conversation, and grabs his food tray to leave, saying she just lied. She apologizes, saying she is preoccupied with her patient’s decision to not do the surgery. Shaun says the wife is lying for either reason # 4, but Claire says she isn’t lying because she loves him. Shaun says he isn’t good at reading people and they shouldn’t read people because it gives into personal biases, he insists she is lying because if you love someone, you would do anything to prevent their death.

Jessica meets with Neil again, saying there is a conflict of interest and wants to bring someone else in from legal to handle this. He agrees, feeling she shouldn’t be trusting Murphy’s judgment over his; but she wants him to just admit that he screwed up and just deal with it. He says he screwed up in his life but this is not one of those times.

Claire meets with the wife again, saying she must love him very much to sacrifice and let him go, or there could be another explanation — either she loves him enough to let him die or she hates him enough to let him die. Claire explains what Dr. Coyle did to her and says she couldn’t imagine what she would do to him if he actually got to hurt her; she wants to know what he did to her. She gives her domestic violence pamphlets and says that her son is better off with memories of loving father than the truth and tells her to let him die.

Shaun reveals to Dr. Melendez that methanol is causing Nasha’s abdominal pain, which Jared says doesn’t make sense she is Muslim. Shaun says there are other ways to explain the methanol, its also produced by the liver when the body is exposed to certain caustic chemicals if inhaled it could also inflame the lungs and burn. He narrowed it down to a caustic chemical used in either the Pharmaceutical industry, water treatment, industrial pesticides and chemical weapons. She
is a school teacher and he wonders if she could be a terrorist too.

Dr. Lim talks to Dr. Browne, asking her to talk to the wife to change her mind about the surgery, or they will take it to court. Claire is annoyed that they will send the husband home to continue abusing his wife. Dr. Lim calls the wife a “world-class liar” and for all, they know she wants to run off with her lover. Claire says she will get her to sign the consent forms.

Jared and Shaun are giving Dr. Melendez an update when he pulls them into a room. He confronts Shaun feeling that he thinks since she is a Muslim that she is a terrorist. Shaun says he thinks she is a terrorist because it is the easiest way to explain her symptoms and her lie. Melendez feels she simply had an accident and it scared her, and this whole place scares her and this is why she lies. Shaun wants to know why they have to report a gunshot wound but not someone who might be making chemical weapons? He insists that Shaun is wrong and reminds him that she is not making any bombs while she is in their ICU.

Claire meets with Tessa, informing her they need her consent, and begs her to leave him and start a new life. She says this isn’t the answer because if she doesn’t sign, they will go to court and she will tell them what they know and her son will know the truth as her husband is her patient, not her; she reluctantly signs.

Shaun goes to see Nasha, informing her that the treatment is working. He says all her symptoms are consistent with exposure to dimethyl sulfate; she has never heard of it. He tells her it is used to make chemical weapons. She asks him if he has experienced bigotry and says he isn’t so different than most people. She begins to sweat and he says that is a sign of dishonesty. She begins to grab her chest and he looks at the monitor and says chest pain can be brought on by anxiety, but the monitor alarms and he says this time she IS having a heart attack and calls for an EKG stat!

Melendez meets with the hospital’s legal department, who thanks him for meeting with her. She says it’s good he is handling it better. Dr. Lim and Dr. Browne are in the OR, when his blood pressure spikes, they have to terminate the procedure in order to prevent a stroke. They have to stabilize him before they retry the procedure which means they have to figure out what they missed. Dr. Lim tells Claire to run a full work up to figure out what they’re missing.

Shaun figures out that Nasha’s heart is literally burning from the caustic chemical. It is going through her system, unlike thermal burns, chemical burns get worse over time. It explains the bronchial walls thinning too, revealing that Dr. Melendez didn’t make a mistake either. Jared feels he has a good idea but shuts up, so Shaun says that the treatments are diametrically opposed. If they use antibiotics, and they need steroids, it will suppress her immune system and kill her but if she needs steroids and they give her antibiotics... Melendez says they better be right.

Jared suggests they bring in another Senior attending to consult on the decision — if Shaun is right, he is exonerated but if Jared is right, Melendez may have made a mistake that had killed this woman. Melendez says it is possible he made a mistake and suggests they put her on a broad spectrum of antibiotics. Shaun objects, saying he is wrong and very arrogant to make a decision on the assumption that he made a mistake. He says, fortunately, he doesn’t need Shaun’s approval and walks away.

Dr. Lim and Dr. Browne inform Tessa what they discovered, that her husband hasn’t been taking his medications. Dr. Lim confronts her, saying she might have replaced his meds with salt, to end her nightmare. Tessa tries to deny it but Claire looks before she asks if it is possible her son knows more than she thinks he does. She covers her mouth realizing what he might have done.

Shaun and Jared are in Nasha room when Jared decides to push the steroids. Jared says this is on him, Shaun looks at him and tells him “I know!” Dr. Melendez rushes into the room as Jared reveals that he switched from the antibiotics to steroids. Shaun objects, saying he is wrong and very arrogant to make a decision on the assumption that he made a mistake. He says, fortunately, he doesn’t need Shaun’s approval and walks away.

Outside Cole’s room, Tessa speaks to her son about what happened and learns the awful truth, she hugs him as Claire watches.

Shaun returns home after the long day at the hospital. He knocks on Lea’s door before going to his own apartment and is shocked when a man opens the door. He asks Shaun to come in for
a beer, but he declines.

Dr. Lim gives Dr. Browne the honors of telling the family about the surgery, she says this is the first time she isn’t looking forward to saying it went well. She goes to the waiting room and finds it empty and smiles.

Jared, Shaun, and Melendez inform Nasha everything went well. Shaun asks her if she is a terrorist, and she finally confesses that her brother works for a drug company and stole some of their dimethyl sulfates for her so she can make some perfume. She gives Shaun a sample, he says it is beautiful but very stupid! He says protecting someone is reason #3.

Jared asks Melendez if they are okay, he says he isn’t sure if it really matters because he can only take on 3 residents next year and since Dr. Coyle has transferred he has to take on his too. Jessica runs into Melendez, they both apologize to each other. Jessica feels they made a mistake but he feels what they had mattered but that doesn’t mean they were good for each other.

Claire meets Kristen outside the hospital, she is doing some research on Dr. Coyle and the women who worked with him and quit. She admits she was harassed by him and believes Kristen was too, assuring her that doing the right thing can make you feel better and hopes they can do it together. They sit on the bench and talk.

Shaun walks into Aaron’s office, talking about his new neighbor. Aaron turns him down for breakfast again. Shaun says he doesn’t need a father, as he hates fathers but needs a friend. Shaun eyes well up as he tells Aaron that he should be his friend. Aaron looks at him but doesn’t respond so Shaun leaves broken-hearted, closing the door behind him.

At home, Shaun opens a pine tree car freshener that reminds him of his road trip with Lea. He holds it and thinks of her.
Dr. Shaun Murphy is getting dressed for work when his new neighbor Kenny knocks on his sliding door, finding out that he doesn’t have cable but is using an antenna. Kenny wants to run a cable line through Shaun’s apartment, telling him that it would be a lot better than the 10 channels he gets with the antenna; Shaun agrees.

At the hospital, Dr. Neil Melendez informs everyone that Dr. Morgan Reznick will be joining their team now that Dr. Matt Coyle is no longer working at the hospital; Dr. Claire Browne is happy to meet her. She asks Dr. Jared Kalu if he is the autistic one, but Shaun steps forward, telling her that would be him!

Dr. Lim says they have two cases that would be great for an eager group. Dr. Melendez says he isn’t interested but she says competition can foster team work and can lead to greater understanding and appreciation of residents strengths and weaknesses and improve patient care. She takes the files from Melendez and says the winning team gets first dibs on assisting on any surgeries for the next week. The residents line up and Dr. Lim chooses Dr. Murphy, calling him the ”boy genius”; and Dr. Kalu. Melendez picks Dr. Browne and Dr. Reznick. The residents run off to meet with their patients as Melendez and Lim agree that the stakes will be the same as last time!

Dr. Lim, Jared and Shaun meet with this patient Quinn and want to exam her stomach. When Dr. Lim lifts her gown to check her stomach further, she quickly lowers it in shock and Shaun
says, "that is a penis and she is not a boy. He is a boy!" Quinn's grandmother insists this is just a phase but Quinn says she isn't a boy but a girl. Dr. Lim asks if she is transgender and Quinn admits she is but Shaun doesn't understand so Jared explains that she is mix matched. Quinn asks Shaun he does he know he is supposed to be a boy and he tells her that her question doesn't make sense because biologically he is a boy and that is the end of the story.

Dr. Melendez along with Claire and Morgan meet with Howard Shaw, who passed out in class. He insists its because he hasn't eaten breakfast before work this morning and explains all the medication he has been taking lately due to various ailments; but they were not recently prescribed but were in his medicine cabinet. He winces in pain when touched, so Melendez orders an ultrasound of his stomach.

Dr. Marcus Andrews and his wife, Dr. Isabel Barnes-Andrews, go to see the fertility specialist, who advises them to stop worrying and she will take some samples and they will go from there. She asks them to put their trust in her and just continue to focus on one another.

During his ultrasound, Dr. Browne reveals to Howard that his appendix has already ruptured and they need to rush him to the OR; he is more concerned with calling the school to get a substitute who will get his children but Dr. Reznick says they cannot wait or he will become septic. Resnick takes him to the OR, leaving the menial task of making the phone calls to Dr. Browne, who clearly isn't happy.

Shaun watches as Quinn continues her test. He wants to know if Quinn is complicated or confused; Jared stops him from asking all the questions and they begin the test. Meanwhile, Dr. Melendez is able to remove Howard's appendix but when he asks Claire a teaching question; Resnick interrupts and takes over the answer, saying she is impartial since they have already published some of her work.

Dr. Melendez asks them to close up and as they do so Claire says she is happy there is another girl on the team but Morgan says they are not going to be friends, having sleep overs nor braiding each other's hair, because when the residency is over the hospital is most likely only keep two of them and Shaun is Glassman's pet project so she is sure in but after Jared's stunt he will be out, so every time Claire has a win, Morgan loses and vice versa. Claire thanks her for the heads up.

Shaun watches as Quinn continues her test. He wants to know if Quinn is complicated or confused; Jared tells Shaun he needs to stop calling Quinn a "he." Shaun reveals that transgender care was not part of his medical school curriculum; Jared admits it wasn't part of his too. As they watch the scans appear on screen, they realize that Quinn has testicular cancer.

Dr. Lim, Jared and Shaun inform Quinn and her grandmother that she has a mass on her left testicle, but the prognosis is good as they caught it before it spread. They also reveal that Quinn has osteopenia, which is a condition in which the bone mineral density is lower than normal; the doctors find out that Quinn has been taking puberty blockers, which is most likely the cause of the osteopenia. Quinn didn't tell them before because neither her nor her parents wanted her grandmother to know.

Dr. Resnick and Dr. Browne check on Howard, who has an infection. Resnick says they can treat it with antibiotics but it means he will be in the hospital for a couple extra nights, he says he has to get out of there because he needs to be with his kids. Dr. Resnick tells him to consider this a blessing to be away from his kids, whom he hasn't been away from since the day they were born. He looks at her and tells them they are his life and his wife died of ovarian cancer last year. He hates hospitals. Claire offers to find a laptop so he can Skype with his children and if he can find a couple teddy bears he can take home to them.

Dr. Lim tells Quinn the medication did not cause the cancer in any way but Shaun tells her she needs to stop taking them immediately because of the osteopenia. Jared says she will be fine without them, but she cries, as she knows they can't reverse her growing an Adam's apple or growing hair all over her body. Shaun tells her that girl's grow body hair too.

Outside Howard's room, Morgan tells Claire she has game after offering the laptop and bears to him; Claire says its just human decency! Morgan says everyone has an agenda, sometimes it is conscious, sometimes its not, but it is always there. Claire says she is awfully cynical for someone so young. Howard's alarms go off and when they rush back in, he has spiked a fever and they have no idea what has happened. Claire begs for him to hang on as they are going to figure this out.

Jared and Shaun arrive at the lab for Quinn's results but are told they have to wait as the lab
is totally backed up. Morgan comes in with a donut for Gus and he hands her Howard’s results immediately, saying he put a rush on them. Morgan hands the file to Dr. Melendez revealing that Howard has a superbug that is resistant to all medication.

Quinn’s parents have finally arrived and Dr. Lim explains that her lab results are normal and they can do surgery first thing in the morning. Dr. Murphy suggests they could remove both of Quinn’s testicles when she worries about being the freak in ballet with a mustache. Quinn gets excited for a moment about it, but Dr. Lim apologizes for her outburst as her grandmother is angry he would want to castrate her grandson. The grandmother is insistent that Quinn is just going through a phase, but her parents are on her side, saying she will just have the reassignment surgery when she is old enough, so what is the difference? Dr. Lim offers them some privacy and leaves the room with Shaun and Jared.

As soon as they leave, Quinn’s grandmother says she will not allow her parents to do this to Quinn. Quinn’s father tells her to shut up, as this isn’t up to her. In the hallway, Dr. Lim tells Dr. Murphy that he is making her doubt her decision to draft him onto her team because saying inflammatory things to people, it will only upset them. She sends Jared and Shaun off to prepare an SDA (Shared Decision Aid), which is a paper that shows the pros and cons in making a decision for all the options available to them for Quinn’s care.

Dr. Melendez and Dr. Reznick return to see Howard, explaining about the superbug he has that is resistant to every antibiotic because he has been exposed to every antibiotic. He learns he did this to himself and because he wasn’t under a doctor’s care, he most likely taking the wrong medication for the wrong symptoms. Dr. Melendez informs him they will have to perform a colostomy on him, which will leave a pouch on the outside of his body to collect the waste from his body; and from the damage they have seen from his colon it looks like it will be indefinitely.

In the doctor’s lounge, Jared tells Shaun they are not doing this work to be helpful; they are doing this because he pissed off Dr. Lim and Jared seems to be collateral damage. He says the competition is over and with Shaun constantly calling Quinn a “he”, means they lost. Shaun laughs, saying it is only a game and not important; but Jared tells him it is to him as he is a pariah, and this score is part their resident evaluation and their jobs depend on them; or at least his job does. Shaun looks at him and suggests that they should do this scut work very well then.

Dr. Andrews returns home from work and learns the fertility specialist called, she found an irregularity in one of the tests and wants to rerun it to be sure. Marcus tries to reassure her, but she says they are both doctors and know the results are not going to change. Isabel feels she waited too long, and now that she is in her 40s, it is all her fault. Marcus says she had goals and other priorities; he is so proud of her but they both knew it could come at a cost and feels they should have just started sooner. She realizes he has been stewing over this and wants to know how long he has resented her. He says he doesn’t resent her, but he can’t tell her this isn’t her fault.

Shaun is at home, watching TV, when Kenny walks in through his sliding door. It freaks Shaun out a little bit as he tells Kenny the door was locked. Kenny sits down, asking Shaun questions about his job and life; after explaining where some of the things in his apartment came from, Shaun lays back down and begins to watch TV, while Kenny sits in the chair watching it too.

At the hospital, Dr. Aaron Glassman and Dr. Lim come to talk to Quinn’s parents, revealing that Quinn’s grandmother filed a complaint that they are abusing Quinn; because allowing Quinn to believe that being transgender is okay is a form of abuse. Aaron says they don’t agree with her whatsoever and says Dr. Lim will testify against the grandmother but Quinn’s parents tells Dr. Lim to perform the bilateral surgery and then the grandmother will have nothing to fight them over.

Marcus and Isabel return to see the fertility clinic, and learn that the issue is with Marcus’ sperm; he has a low sperm count. She tells them it isn’t great news, but its not a dead end either. She refers him to a urologist and Isabel reminds him they will get through this together.

Claire chases down Morgan at the hospital, demanding to know why Howard’s labs came back and she never told her. Morgan says it doesn’t matter anyways because there is no way they are going to win this competition; Claire gets angry and says it is clear she has no sympathy for what the man is going through. Morgan reminds her, they don’t have time to get emotionally involved; their job is to go in, perform the surgery and get out. Claire suddenly comes up with a great idea, saying they could avoid surgery altogether but she wants to pull all the research she can before
pitching it to Melendez.

Dr. Glassman, Dr. Lim, Ruth (the grandmother) and Quinn’s parents have a meeting; where they reveal they always used to force Quinn to present herself as a boy in public but she became so reclusive and hated herself so much she attempted suicide a year ago; something her mother had no idea about. Dr. Andrews arrives late to the meeting.

In the cafeteria, Claire joins Dr. Melendez and presents him with the idea she had. He isn’t convinced until Morgan arrives and pushes it, showing how much of a team player she really is. Claire confronts her on her attitude, and she admits she is a team player, only when it benefits her. She also tells Claire that she will be the only doctor who can handle the feces when it arrives at the hospital, to safe guard it, strain it and decontaminate it for the transplant.

Shaun is in Quinn’s room, asking her what it feels like to be a boy; she prefers people ask questions than stare at her. She explains how free she feels. Shaun sits on the side of her bed and tells her that he doesn’t know what it feels like to be anyone else but him; she smiles and says, "me too!"

Back in the board room, Quinn’s parents listen as Dr. Lim argues with Dr. Andrews that Quinn should have the bilateral surgery. He feels they should preserve her right testicle, in case she does want to have children one day, and since there is nothing wrong with the right testicle, it is considered an elective surgery.

Dr. Glassman tells Ruth and Quinn’s parents that ultimately they need to decide what is best for Quinn. Her mom says that no matter what happens, Quinn is still going to be a girl but her grandmother admits she might never be able to accept that. Aaron talks about his own personal tragedy and asks if it is really worth sacrificing a life over an idea that may never be?

Jared rushes into Quinn’s room when her alarms are sounding. Her temperature is 104; Jared does an ultrasound and says she needs surgery right now! Dr. Andrews rushes into the boardroom, saying he needs a decision now, as Quinn needs surgery right now. In the end, the parents tell Dr. Andrews to do what is medically necessary as Quinn is a child and may want to have children one day. In the OR, the alarms on the monitors go off and everything seems normal, so they wonder if it is a reaction to the anesthesia.

In the surgical room, Claire says 6 syringes in and no signs of any leakage. Dr. Melendez tells her it was a job well done. Dr. Browne wants to write about the procedure and submit it for publication; Dr. Reznick wants to assist with it. Melendez says he read Reznick’s paper and he was impressed suggesting Claire should read it when she gets a chance.

Quinn is not responding to anything, so Dr. Shaun Murphy visualizes saying it is possible there is internal bleeding. Dr. Andrews doesn’t feel they have a choice and cut her open again. Shaun says Jared was right and they find a pool of blood inside.

Dr. Melendez, Dr. Browne and Dr. Reznick visit Howard in his room, saying they expect a full recovery. Reznick as a surprise for him, saying there is a few preschoolers dying to see him. His twins come rushing in and he introduces them to Dr. Reznick and Dr. Browne, whose name he forgot.

Quinn finally wakes up from surgery and finds out they only removed the cancerous left testicle. She is upset that her parents also agreed to only have the one testicle removed. Dr. Andrews sits down beside her and tells her, she may never know that one day she might want to have a child. She says she doesn’t need a bio-kid; she could always adopt if she wanted one. She promises she will be back when she is 18 for her gender confirmation surgery; he promises he will be there to help her.

Patient satisfactory scores are in, and they are very close. Dr. Lim congratulates Dr. Reznick and Dr. Browne. Morgan says her and Claire made a great team and walks away. Melendez tells Dr. Lim "to the victor belongs the spoils! She gives him money and tells him not to spend it in one place, but he says he plans on framing it.

Shaun and Jared agree that they also make a great team. Shaun stops Ruth from going into Quinn’s room, saying she doesn’t like pink; but Jared says Quinn will like them, as Ruth brought her flowers. Shaun says Quinn is more of a purple girl!

Dr. Melendez asks Claire if she read Morgan’s paper yet? She says it is on the top of her “to do” list. He says he didn’t tell her to read it to rub it in; he wanted her to read it to know what she is up against. He says she is smart and special and encourages her to rise up and play the game on her own terms; don’t wait for it!
Outside, Aaron finds Shaun sitting on the bench. He is happy that Shaun gets that Quinn is a she. Aaron says being a kid is tough enough but being a transkid is off the chart and could never imagine being so different on the outside than you are on the inside. Shaun begins to walk away, even after Aaron offers to drive him home. Shaun says that Aaron said he couldn’t be his friend so no thanks.

Shaun knocks on Kenny’s door, asking for his help. Kenny opens the locked and closed door to the pool and Shaun just floats, telling Kenny he isn’t going to do any laps. He is simply "understanding!"
The team meets with a teen girl named Spirit who was born with an ectopic heart. They are repairing it now because her ribcage was too small when she was younger. Shaun looks at it in amazement.

Neil meets with the team. He wants them to find a young male patient a liver. Meanwhile, Allegra asks Aaron to find her a new keynote speaker. She wants an old acquaintance of his.

Shaun and Jessica scan Spirit while talking about attending the hospital gala. Shaun has a new suit, but Jessica tells him he needs a tux. Shaun notes that Spirit’s heart has enlarged by 53% in the last 6 months.

Claire finds someone who wants to donate a liver. The only problem, he is in prison for killing 7 people. Neil and the others meet to talk about the liability of bringing a prisoner in.

Shaun and the others meet with Spirit. She doesn’t want to wait. She wants the surgery now.

The doctors clean out a hospital room for the prisoner patient. Jared asks Claire to go to the gala with him. Everyone knows they are dating. They both get a beep. They meet with the Eric.

Jessica presents an idea for Spirit to Dr. Lynn and Shaun, a retractable rib cage in the front that can accommodate her large heart. Shaun thinks it is a bad idea. Jessica thinks he doesn’t understand Spirit’s emotions because he has autism.

The team watches as the prisoner is brought in with shackles on.
Claire, Jared, and the others examine the prisoner. Jared rushes to see Eric who he sedates after he fails in his bed, angry about receiving a liver from a prisoner.

Shaun asks Andrew about getting a tux. He tells Shaun to rent.

In the OR, the prisoner is ready for surgery. Neil administers anesthesia. The man begins to have an allergic reaction. Later, the prisoner wakes. He is upset that he cannot help. He begins to get angry before tearing up.

In surgery, Jessica tells Shaun that he shouldn’t trust Andrews advice. They see that the plate is a perfect fit in Spirit’s chest. Meanwhile, the guards bring the prisoner out. He tells them he cannot feel his legs. They don’t believe him. He manages to grab a guard and a gun. Claire tries to reason with him but he shoots himself with it. They rush him to the OR to get his organs.

Claire rushes to meet Eric and get him into an OR. After she tells him what happened he agrees to accept the liver.

Spirit finally hugs her mother for the first time after she is told things look good post-op.

Shaun arrives at the gala in his tux. He sees Jessica. She tells him to mingle. Meanwhile, Neil checks Eric. Things look good. Eric wants to send the prisoner’s family a card, thanking them for the liver.

Shaun feels overwhelmed and leaves the gala. He watches Spirit in her room with her friends.

Claire and Jared dance as a couple at the gala. He tells her he loves her before walking off because she doesn’t remember a song they listened to together.

Shaun returns to the gala. Andrews helps make him comfortable after he decides to mingle.
Pain

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Summary: When the team treats a patient who has to decide between a dangerous surgery that could change his life or remain the same, he asks Dr. Shaun Murphy what he would if he had that same choice.

Jessica examines a patient’s body. The patient is annoyed with the pushing and the prodding. Jessica finds a blemish and pushes on it. It hurts, the female patient tells her.

Marcus talks to a male patient about his inability to have kids and the possibilities of what he can do.

The team looks over the case for the patient Jessica examined. They meet with her. She will need more surgery. She doesn’t want it. She would rather try a broad spectrum of antibiotics. Marcus tells her she could become septic. She doesn’t care.

After reviewing another patient, Hunter’s spine x-ray. Neil and the team discover a cyst that is done growing and shouldn’t cause any issues for the patient. He currently cannot walk but they advise against surgery. He wants to know what his odds are. Later, Hunter lies in his bed with his wife. He tells her that he wants to live a normal life. He wants to talk to the doctor.

Neil meets with Hunter and his wife. The couple argues. She thinks he is gambling his life away and she won’t stand by and watch. She leaves.

Claire gets a page. She comes down to the main entrance. It is her mother. She wants to talk. She admits that she is sick — she needed a mood stabilizer. She is on one now and she wants to try again.

Shaun tests Hunter’s fitness for surgery. The two talk about being accepted for who they are. Shaun asks him if he is the same person he was prior to being stuck in a wheelchair. Hunter tells him if he does walk again he will not forget the lessons that made him who he is.

Marcus informs his patient that the antibiotics are not working. She needs surgery. She doesn’t want it. Her husband tries to talk her into it.
Neil finds Hunter’s wife in the lobby. He tells her about his sister who had a traumatic brain injury. Hunter was his first patient as an attending. There isn’t a guarantee. Neil tells her she is scared to lose him if he does walk again.

The team talks about Hunter’s odds and whether he should have surgery. Shaun mentions his new friend and neighbor Kenny. Park tells him that Kenny has a record. He has been looking into him and Kenny isn’t good for him.

Jessica confronts Barry, the husband of Emma, the woman who won’t have surgery. She wants to know if he is halfway out the door or is she?

Hunter’s wife comes back to his room. She tells him she is scared he won’t need her if he can walk again. He reassures her. He loves her and will always need her. Shaun tells Hunter what he said was nice.

Barry goes to see Emma. He tells her she needs surgery. She tells him she can’t do it. He cheated on her before because of how she looked. He confesses he never cheated. He was hiding a gambling addiction. Later, he tells Jessica that his wife will have the surgery.

Shaun tells Claire how great she is. He asks her if she would date someone with a disability. She tells him yes. Everyone has trouble in one area or another. They get called to the OR for Hunter’s surgery. What Shaun said has Claire thinking about her mother.

Hunter is brought to the outside of the OR. He changes his mind for a second. He cannot do this, but his wife tells him he can. He is reassured.

Emma is under surgery. They work on her breasts. Her heart beat begins to speed up. They paddle Emma. She is having a septic embolism. They start cardiac massage. They lose her.

Meanwhile, Neil cannot get enough of the tissue in Hunter’s brainstem. He begins to die. Neil needs more time.

Barry goes to say goodbye to his wife Emma. The team meets with Hunter. His surgery was a success.

That night, Marcus tells his wife about the day. He tells his wife that he wants to give her kids. There is a surgery he can have. She tells him there are plenty of ways to have kids.

Claire meets with her mother. They talk over coffee. Shaun comes home to find Kenny in his apartment. He bought Chinese and wants to play Mortal Kombat. Shaun is hesitant, but agrees to play.
Smile

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Summary: Dr. Shaun Murphy questions the need for an elective surgery that will allow his young patient to smile for the first time. Meanwhile, Dr. Claire Brown and Dr. Morgan Reznick discover that their patient lied about her identity.

Shaun opens his front door and finds a bottle of milk with a note on it that reads, "Shaun! Thanks for being there for me, your best bro. Kenny." A girl named Gretchen has a diagnosis and Dr. Parker explains it to both her and her father, it is called Mobius Syndrome and is a paralysis of the sixth and seventh pair of cranial nerves. The seventh pair affects facial expression, luckily in Gretchen's case there is no problem with the sixth pair.

Marcus explains that they will be taking two slivers of muscle from her thighs along with nerves and blood supply and implanting them in your cheeks. Dr. Parker says there will be considerable recovery time before she can smile at will, maybe three months.

Marcus asks Gretchen if she is up for it, she asks if she can sleep on it before she makes a decision — then she tells him she is joking, she is really up for this. Shaun asks Gretchen if she wants to be a comedian because people who get her jokes must be very important to her if she thinks it is worth the risk of dying when having elective surgery. Marcus shakes his head, Gretchen and her dad are shocked.

Marcus apologizes to her father, he tells him that Dr. Murphy is still learning that silence is the best choice when you have nothing useful to offer. Shaun replies, "we are required to have an honest risk benefit to our patients." Marcus says they are giving lovely young girl a smile and that is a simple equation. Her father says it is hard because Gretchen cannot show any emotions at all on her face, ever since her mother died she has been completely withdrawn and all he wants to do is bring his baby girl back to the world.

Neil is looking at a woman who has a post op infection, she didn't take her antibiotics. The patient tells Neil that she didn't fill the prescription and then was too weak to go and had nobody to do it for her. Meanwhile, Aaron bumps into Shaun while he is buying an apple. Aaron tries
to talk to Shaun but he tells him that he didn’t want to be friends and he has a new one called Kenny. Shaun asks Aaron if he has a new friend, he says no.

Shaun is now with Gretchen, they trade names that people call them to make fun of them. Gretchen asks him if he really thinks that the surgery risky, he says yes and expensive and not medically required. Gretchen is booked for surgery the next morning, she tells her father and Marcus that she has changed her mind, she doesn’t want the surgery after all.

Marcus goes to see Shaun and tells him that Gretchen’s father is very upset that she is backing out of the surgery. Shaun tells him that he only told her the truth. Marcus tells him that smiles are contagious and she deserves to be able to do it — then he tells Shaun to get Park, he will talk her into the surgery.

Jared is with a patient named Celeste, she calls herself fish girl because she has been wearing tilapia skin for five months. He tells her they can remove it tomorrow since she is no longer in pain. She is worried how it will look. Gretchen tells Marcus that Shaun did not talk her out of the surgery, he inspired her by making her realize that this could actually make her stronger and she doesn’t want to run from it anymore.

Dr Parker tells Marcus and Shaun that Gretchen is lying. Marcus asks Gretchen if she is worried that her dad can’t afford the surgery, her father tells her a story about her mother who smiled at him from across the room and that is why they had her. Furthermore, they didn’t have much money, but they had that smile. Gretchen tells her dad that she loves him and that is why she can’t make him risk everything for her.

Marcus goes to see Jim and tells him that she has no coverage for the surgery and she requires it. Shaun goes to see Aaron and tries to make him smile, then asks that he go somewhere with him. Meanwhile, Jessica and Claire discover that the patient that Niel was treating for a post op infection was a fraud as she was using another lady’s identity and that women now requires medical attention.

Shaun brings Aaron to see Debbie, who works in the cafe and tells her he needs a friend, then he tells Aaron who is clearly embarrassed that he should find her attractive. Shaun is thrilled and leaves the two.

Marcus goes to see Gretchen and tells her that he got the insurance company to pay for 85% of the cost of her surgery — her father tells her that he can cover the balance and wants to do this for her, she says ok.

Jessica and Claire tell the real patient, Lucie, that they have to record her in the hospital as Jane Doe so they can treat her. The Lucie imposter has returned to the hospital, Aaron tells Jessica and Claire to assume the pretense and treat her — the moment she is stabilized she will be arrested.

Jared is with his patient and removing the fish skin — he tells here she is beautiful. Meanwhile, the Lucie imposter is not responding well to the antibiotics. Claire speaks candidly with her and tells her that she knows what she did. It turns out that the real Lucy has lied about having singles many times and was not refused her meds because the imposter Lucy used her card — it was because of what she did. Shaun and goes to see Gretchen and discovers that there is a problem with her — he calls Marcus.

Gretchen is talking with Marcus and Dr. Parker, he asks the two if they feel bad — Marcus tells him to go order a CT. The Lucie imposter is getting worse. Meanwhile, Aaron is having coffee with his new friend, Debbie, that Shaun set him up with, they are talking about the Jewish holidays and he admits he is only half Jewish and she says she is not Jewish at all.

They go outside and see a fender bender and start talking about vintage cars, they find they do have something in common. Jared confesses to Shaun that his patient has feelings for him and he may have feelings for her too — Shaun tells him to call in sick to gain superior wisdom and knowledge. Dr. Parker tells Gretchen’s father that the CT scan was clear, Marcus tells him that they believe his daughter is brain dead a side affect from the anesthetic. Gretchen’s dad is crying, all for a smile, he tells Shaun that he should have listened to him.

Dr. Parker walks out and tells Marcus that maybe she is still under anesthesia, it is rare, but she could still wake up. Claire tells Lucie imposter that her organs are shutting down and she doesn’t have much time, she asks her for her real name, it is Beatrice. Shaun and Dr. Parker are with Gretchen and her father, Dr. Parker tells him that they were wrong, she is going to be just fine. The real Lucy is back in emergency, she wants a refill on her prescription, Jessica calls her liar and tells her that she has a serious medical problem.
Gretchen sees herself smile for the first time, she is thrilled and her father says she looks like her mother. Jared goes to see Celeste and tells her that Shaun will be taking care of her from now on because doctors are not allowed to date their patients — he then asks her on a date because he is calling in sick tomorrow. Beatrice is gone, Claire calls it at 8:14pm. Jared opens a letter, it is an acceptance from Denver memorial hospital.

Shaun knocks on Kelly's door with a pizza, his friends are over and Shaun notices a tv in his apartment, Kelly tells him it belongs to him — then he tells him that he has a few quirks and it doesn't jive with this crowd, he takes the pizza. Aaron is having dinner with Debbie, they are still talking about cars and car shows — he invites her to a car show. All of a sudden Aaron starts acting weird, Debbie tells the waitress to call an ambulance.
Shaun comes to see Aaron. He tells him he wants to be his friend again. Aaron is happy to hear this but he is dying. He has 12-18 months and he doesn’t want Shaun to tell anyone. Aaron has a tumor. Shaun tells him he needs a second opinion. Aaron tells him he is the second opinion. Shaun urges him to see someone else.

Jared works on a teen boy who has dislocated his ankle. He is drunk and in pain. He heads into surgery with Neil. They can’t put him under because he has a possible concussion. He is awake, drunk and laughing. Suddenly his heart rate falls.

Shaun works on his dry erase board. He is upset. Aaron comes in. He asks Shaun if he came up with anything? Shaun doesn’t say anything. Aaron tells him he has explored it all. Shaun tells him he needs to go back to work.

Jared comes out of surgery to ask the drunken kid’s friend what really happened. He friend finally breaks down and confesses that he ate detergent pods. Back in surgery, Shaun and the rest of the team finish up. Shaun has an epiphany. He announces that he lost something but he knows where it is now. He leaves surgery and heads to see Aaron. He lost his scalpel. While he looks he tells Aaron that he needs to get more imaging done, a DTI scan.

Neil reports to Aaron. He tells him that Shaun’s patient has DIC when your body clots and hemorrhages at the same time. Shaun never has issues in the OR. He wants to know what is going on with him. Aaron tells him he has a brain tumor and that must have been what distracted Shaun. Neil asks if there is anything he can do.

The team goes over the drunken teen’s file. They think he may be on drugs. Jared tells them he is going to go and ask his friend again. Park doesn’t think he will be honest. Jared draws the blood of his friend while telling him his buddy has DIC. The friend confeses that they are both on molly.
Jessica confronts Aaron. She talks him into getting a second opinion. Shaun goes with them. The first doctor was wrong. Aaron has the most aggressive form of brain cancer. He only has 3-4 months to live.

The team now thinks that the teen has a bacterial infection. Meanwhile, Shaun cannot stop trying to come up with a solution. Aaron comes in. He is angry as he looks at three whiteboards. Aaron tells him to stop. He doesn’t want to think about the tumor. He just wants to live. He starts crying and throwing things. Shaun asks him if he just wants to have fun? Shaun tells him yes.

Neil and the team rush the teen into surgery when his heart rate plummets. Meanwhile, Shaun and Aaron are at the carousel. Shaun talks about his daughter and how they used to celebrate and have fun together. He has a flashback to them dancing. He always thought that when he died he would remember that moment and she would be next to him still. Shaun gets a page and gets off the carousel.

Neil and the team rule out the bacterial infection since he isn’t reacting to antibiotics. Neil asks Shaun what he thinks. He tells them he squeezed the artery during surgery. Now he needs to leave to go make a bowel movement. He runs to Aaron’s office. He thinks he has a solution. Aaron tells him that there is no hope and that he needs to let it go. Shaun becomes calm and tells him that they can do a biopsy through his nose. Shaun tells him that he cannot die too.

The team tries to figure out how to cover for Shaun. Shaun comes in. He tells them he threw up. Neil asks him to come back to the team. They brainstorm again. Shaun thinks they need to work on the teen’s leg from the inside out. If they cut into him he will die.

In surgery, they place a balloon in the teen’s leg. He pulls through. Neil is taking them all out. Shaun goes to see Aaron. He notices a band aid. He had the biopsy. Aaron could survive. He needs surgery and chemo. Shaun is thrilled. He hugs Aaron. Together they head to the Andrews’ office to confess that Shaun made a mistake in surgery.
Season Two
The episode begins tonight with Dr. Shaun Murphy meeting with Dr. Marcus Andrews, then going to a homeless camp with Dr. Jared Kalu who wants to know what Andrews said in their meeting. He praises him for exceeding his expectations but lacks communication skills, and that needs to change if he wants to stay there. Shaun only tells him the first half and feels Jared should have gone to his own review but he thinks there is no point as it is his last day and it’s obvious what he thinks of him because of where they are standing.

Dr. Morgan Reznick talks to Dr. Claire Browne about her review; feeling that Andrews would want Claire to be more aggressive, which is exactly what he said but she denies it. Claire bites back asking if he told her to figure out how to be a little less self-centered and realize she is more about the team. She shakes her head. Dr. Neil Melendez walks into the room and before anyone can speak, Reznick tells him all about their newest patient. Dr. Alex Park is surprised when Melendez reveals they are not doing a heart transplant but actually sliding in a second one to support the first one.

Shaun talks to a homeless woman, and Jared talks to him about his communication encouraging him to work on it since Dr. Aaron Glassman isn’t around. Shaun corrects him, saying Glassman is still around, alive and not going to die as he is going to meet his oncologist today; Jared is surprised Shaun didn’t go with him but Shaun corrects him that he can’t support him emotionally.

Aaron meets with Dr. Blaize, his oncologist. They bicker as she forces him to realize he is the patient and not the doctor and things will be done her way!
Jared and Shaun follow a homeless man named Harry onto their medical bus where they quickly ask him to put down the medications for chlamydia. Shaun diagnoses him with schizophrenia but Harry shows them a back infection in his mouth and Shaun says that smells very bad. Jared is worried the abscess has caused bacterial meningitis and wants to get him back to the hospital as soon as possible but Shaun doesn't want to as Dr. Andrews won't happy but agrees when Jared says he will take the blame.

Dr. Melendez and his team meet their patient, but her husband, Elliott isn't sure about it even after the way Dr. Andrews raved about it to the press. Morgan feels it's best Jared isn't there on his last day as it would be awkward to say goodbye to someone that means so much to Claire. Morgan pushes it saying Claire is far more decent and caring that she is and she was sleeping with Jared for most of the time he was there, so she must be feeling something. Alex catches that Melanie has an aortic aneurysm and two hearts beating into that isn't so good!

The team regroups and reevaluate the situation. Dr. Melendez leaves the room to tell Dr. Andrews they cannot do the procedure, but once he leaves the room Claire and Morgan brainstorm and comes up with an alternative plan that could work.

Jared and Shaun do a lumbar puncture on Harry to see if he has meningitis. Jared keeps pushing Shaun to be with Dr. Glassman. Just as Shaun tells Harry he needs to stay there a while, Dr. Andrews shoves the curtain open and demands to speak to them. He says if Jared is right, he owes him an apology but if he is wrong he will call Denver and make his life infinitely worse than he is making his.

Dr. Glassman is extremely agitated and restless in the waiting room while Melendez tells Andrews they cannot do the once in a lifetime surgery; but Morgan, Alex and Claire come in with their idea. When Melendez reviews it, he feels it isn't worth it. Andrews wants to know who's idea it was and Morgan insists it was Claire's even though she says it was a joint effort; Andrews reminds Claire they talked about this.

Shaun and Jared wait at the lab for Harry's results, where Jared doubts himself. Shaun reveals the test is negative but reassures Jared he will fulfill his potential somewhere else and be very happy. Jared scoffs.

Jared tells Shaun to do something else, but Shaun doesn't want to leave him alone on his last day. Jared again pushes him to be with the man who is facing death — the man who mentored him. Shaun insists he is not facing death. Jared forces Shaun to face it that is exactly what Aaron is facing every moment he is sitting there in the room. Jared realizes Shaun is scared and that by separating himself, he is making it easier, but that is only true for him but not Dr. Glassman. Shaun leaves to do read his book.

Allegra Aoki meets with Andrews, saying this is Melendez' call but she asks him what Glassman would have done. She advises him not to buy into his fuzzy warmth as he was a manipulator, always finding a way to do what he wanted to do.

Shaun arrives into the waiting room and sits beside Dr. Glassman. Aaron says it is a waste of time him being there. Shaun tells him he told Jared that but he realized he can be with him and read his book at the same time. Shaun orders Aaron to stop throwing crumpled paper and missing the garbage pail, but when he doesn't, Shaun rips a page out of his book, scrunches it up and calculates where to throw it, stopping when he realizes Harry has a brain tumor and runs out of the room.

Claire needs to know how Jared is doing as Shaun is looking for him, but instead, she asks him to say "hello" to him. Shaun finds him in the change room, says "Hello!" and then tells him that his day isn't over; Harry has a brain tumor. Shaun asks him to help find Harry because he can't do it alone as they need to do an MRI to confirm.

Andrews is surprised Melendez hasn't told the piggyback heart patient the surgery is off, questioning whether he made the right call. Andrews tells him he is "surgeon enough to pull this off" and Melendez tells him to get out of his office. Shaun and Jared return to the homeless camp desperately searching for Harry, the loud noises really affecting Shaun. When they find Harry, Shaun learns Harry is really named "Thomas", revealing he has a neurological condition and so does Harry but he is curable unlike Harry, who can once again be Thomas once again.

Melendez tells Melanie and Elliott they found an issue but they have a solution, but they will be preparing her for their surgery shortly. He assures them there are risks but he believes he can make this work. Elliott thanks him before he leaves.
Allegra and Andrews watch Melendez watch the surgery. She tells him that the one thing about being president is its always his ass on the line but ultimately he is just a bystander. Andrews is given a note and leaves to confront Jared, saying his day is over and he is making the call to Denver. Jared says he is there because of Shaun, who believed there was something wrong with the patient, communicated and connected with him. Shaun fights for what he thinks is right. Shaun interrupts them to inform them both that Harry has a brain tumor and shows them on the scans; Andrews gives them OR with Dr. Audrey Lim.

Melendez struggles with his procedure as the tissue is too thin and they have to build an entire new aorta. Alex is concerned about how risky it is, but Melendez is confident. Meanwhile, in the other OR, Dr. Lim removes the tumor and says they will just have to see who wakes up, Edward or Harry. Melendez’ team plugs in the donor’s heart to see if it holds, they connect and take her off bypass. Everyone holds their breath until there are two solid heartbeats; Allegra and Andrews both nod to them as Claire insists on doing the closing as this was her idea in the first place.

Dr. Marcus Andrews holds a press conference, introducing them to Dr. Melendez as the surgeon who did Melanie’s surgery. Jared and Shaun find “Harry’s” family, learning he no longer took his medication and eventually for his daughter’s sake he was asked to leave. Shaun reassures her there was no way she could have known it was the wrong medication. He wakes up and Hannah and Mary, his wife are happy to see him and he recognizes them. Shaun and Jared leave the room as Jared tells him how much he appreciates what he did out there even if Andrews may not. He thanks Shaun for that, as does Shaun who then walks away.

Aaron sits in the lobby as Shaun joins him at the empty table, asking about his book. Shaun tells him, he said “goodbye” to Jared and he has to stay there with Aaron. Aaron says he doesn’t have to stay there, it’s not up to him as he has a long journey ahead of him and he needs to take it alone. Shaun tells him he understands but he is going with him! Aaron looks at him and they both lean back in their chairs without words.

Claire sits beside Jared, admitting she misses him as a colleague and what they had together and she made a mistake and would like him to stay. He says, “No.” He knows its hard saying goodbye, but that doesn’t make it a mistake and promises he will be okay and believes one day they will both be very happy. He hugs her and giver her a kiss on the head, wiping her tears away before she walks away.

Shaun gets off the elevator at home and finds Lea at his door, asking him if he’s going to say “Hello?”
Middle Ground

Season 2
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Guest Stars: Alvina August (Nurse Alana Paikin), Eileen Barrett (Lori Buendia), Conchita Campbell (Sarah Buendia), Max Chadburn (Zoe Buenida), Faustino Di Bauda (Paul Buendia), Lisa Edelstein (Dr. Blaize), Camille Hyde (Asha / Mara), Jordana Largy (Ellen Vahtra), Arthur MacKinnon (Taylor Buendia)

Summary: As Shaun pushes back against Dr. Melendez in order to treat a gravely ill hospital janitor and deal with the return of Lea, Dr. Lim risks a lawsuit and her career to help a teenage girl repair the damage caused by an archaic custom. Meanwhile, Dr. Glassman exercises demanding oversight with Dr. Blaize in choosing a doctor for his brain surgery.

The episode begins with Dr. Shaun Murphy telling Dr. Neil Melendez that the hospital janitor, Paul is not well; Melendez orders him to say nothing as they walk past him. Once they are in the hallway, he tells Shaun to do several tests, as there is slight discoloration; but he is not to tell him why. Shaun admits he has been practicing his lying and reveals he lied to Melendez. Melendez tells him to take Dr. Claire Browne with him for the tests.

Dr. Audrey Lim meets her patient, Asha learning she wants plastic surgery after she was circumcised when she was 2 years old. She reveals how it happened, begging for help as Dr. Lim promises to help her.

Paul wants to know why they want to confirm a diagnosis of acid reflux; Claire lies but Shaun says he "got this!" He talks about the employee manual, quoting it; but when Paul continues to question things Shaun blurs out that he thinks he has pancreatic cancer.

Dr. Lim sits with Dr. Alex park and Dr. Morgan Reznick revealing their newest case of female genital mutilation. Asha was born in Wisconsin, and although she will not be able to undo the nerve damage, Asha will be able to look like other girls. Lim wants to do this as an outpatient so her mother will think she is simply out studying with her friends, as she loves her parents and doesn’t want to tell them she is rejecting one of their cultural traditions.

Morgan reminds Lim they are legally responsible to report them as it is child abuse. Alex reveals they need parents consent since Asha is a minor, showing that her identification is fake. Lim wants to believe the ID is real and doesn’t need to seek permission, other than her patient’s. She will report the parents 36 hours after the procedure, but Alex and Morgan are wary, wondering if Lim really wants to risk her medical license to protect an abusive mother. They all debate
what is the right way to proceed but Dr. Lim says they are doing the procedure in the morning at 7am.

Shaun doesn't know why people lie because telling the truth, you always know the answers. He feels very confused, also revealing that Lea Dilallo is back; which Claire thinks is great. He says he is excited but shows no emotion which Claire can't understand. He then states that Paul has one year to live as he has stage 3 pancreatic cancer.

Shaun and Claire talk to Melendez about what to do with Paul's condition. Claire says she will give Paul his options for him to make the decision, but Melendez says this is a teaching hospital and Dr. Marcus Andrews is right, Shaun is the one that needs to talk to Paul; he motions for Claire to go with Shaun.

Shaun finds Paul mopping the floor in the front lobby and he asks if they can speak somewhere quieter. Paul asks why they need somewhere quiet for him to tell him he has acid reflux. Shaun tells him they need somewhere quiet because people usually get upset when they learn they have less than a year to live. Paul asks if he can call his family, as they would want to hear it too. Claire jumps in and says, of course, he can.

Lim does the surgery ahead of schedule saying they can get her home in time to do her homework, as Morgan sarcastically says back into the bosom of her loving family.

Shaun explains to Paul's family how they will do the procedure, but Claire stops him getting into too much detail, just saying its dangerous and painful process, but if he does it he could have a long lifetime. His children encourage him to do it, but he asks Shaun what he should do. Shaun says all he can do is present the facts. Paul asks for a few minutes with his family.

Shaun goes to see Dr. Aaron Glass, who has his own office, suggesting who he should go with for an oncologist; giving facts of each specialist. Aaron wants to know what Shaun is doing there, encouraging him to go home and get some rest, but Shaun says he won't get rest at home.

Dr. Lim informs Asha that her surgery went well and will be happy with her results but she needs to pee in order to go home. She is in a lot of pain, and Lim tells her she doesn't know why she is in that much pain but she isn't going home. Lim feels pain is not a good sign but Morgan feels it is if they thought that part of the body was dead believing there are viable nerve endings in there and they can reconstruct her clitoris. Alex says they need to bring Andrew up to speed as now they will have a missing child on their hands.

Lim informs Andrews, who says this is the difference between her and Melendez, who would have acted accordingly; knowing the chief of surgery position would become available. She wouldn't have changed a thing and she doesn't view that as a weakness. He says he will handle the administrative fallout, but she needs to notify the parents. Lim informs him that she cannot as they don't know her real name and they have to keep her sedated, he orders her to answer Asha's phone the next time it rings.

Melendez guides Shaun and Claire through Paul's surgery, but they are losing pancreatic fluid meaning anything it touches will be destroyed. Meanwhile, Aaron meets with Dr. Blaize who has selected his entire surgical team but wants to hold off the surgery because he can't select a surgeon. She tells him to pick a name within 48 hours, or he will have to find a new oncologist!

Asha’s real name is Mara, and her father is angry that his daughter is in pain, blaming Dr. Lim for the pain she is in; however, Dr. Lim says she is in pain for her repairing the damage, but there was less nerve damage than initially thought. He seems only concerned in stopping her pain. Dr. Lim suggests a second surgery, but her mother asks if their daughter wants this. Her father says she doesn't know their daughter at all and wants a second opinion at another hospital.

They are interrupted by Ellen Vahtra from CPS, who informs 16 year old, Mara’s parents that until she completes her review they will not be moving their daughter anywhere. Dr. Lim nods to Dr. Andrews, thanking him.

Shaun and Claire are able to inform Paul's family that the surgery had complications but it went very well and they got it all. He doesn't think he told them well because they are "too happy.”
Claire pulls him away, allowing the family to enjoy the good news but he doesn’t understand how its any better to deceive someone to make them happy than it is to deceive someone to make them sad.

Suddenly, Lea arrives suggesting they have lunch, but Shaun brushes past her, saying he doesn’t have time. Claire chases after him, asking him what is wrong. Claire tries to touch him but he pulls back as she tells him he isn’t being fair to Lea as she has always been nice to him. Shaun reveals she hasn’t always been. Claire tells him to be honest with her as he blurs out that he can’t be honest because he doesn’t know how he feels and runs off, leaving Claire shocked.

Mara’s parents and Dr. Lim explain both sides to CPS worker, Ellen Vahtra. Her mother says its a rite of passage and her father says Mara is fine and this isn’t a big deal; revealing her aunts and grandmother did it to her. They feel she won’t find a man in their culture without this. Dr. Lim says she will find someone else — it’s not that big a deal!

Ellen informs them, they cannot convince her that what happened to Mara at the age of 2 is anything short of an abomination. Dr. Lim explains the options they have; pleading her case of Mara having a meaningful sex life, which is what Mara came looking for. Ellen tells Dr. Lim to her up, because she is clearly mature enough to make the decision herself as both sides have explained and a few moments of pain is worth her making the choice herself.

Shaun talks to Aaron about which surgeon he wants; but Aaron doesn’t want to talk, saying that is the point of the alcohol. Shaun follows him, asking him if he is afraid of dying, but Aaron says there are worse things, like not dying — the “middle ground” like not walking, not talking, or his hand can’t stop shaking. He is a damn good surgeon and smart and without those things he doesn’t know what he would be. Shaun tries to comfort him, saying he would be his friend!

Shaun’s phone vibrates and says he has to go, as his patient just crashed. He asks Aaron if that is not enough. Aaron says no, and he leaves.

Mara wakes up and her father immediately tries to say he doesn’t understand why she would turn her back... but the worker cuts him off, introducing herself, explaining as quickly as possible what options she has. In front of her parents, she tells Dr. Lim she wants her entire clitoris removed. Ellen orders Dr. Lim to put her back to sleep and do the procedure, even though Dr. Lim knows she doesn’t want this.

Shaun, Melendez, and Claire work hard on Paul; but Shaun feels they should have warned the family saying they would have been prepared. Melendez tells them both to shut up and work on the mess. Dr. Lim stands in Dr. Andrews office absolutely refusing to do the operation. He says he will fire her if she doesn’t do it and he will find another surgeon to do it; Morgan suggests Dr. Lim gets a chance to speak to Mara again as every woman has the right to make decisions about her sexuality without her parents hanging over her. He agrees.

Dr. Lim once again wakes Mara up. She tells her a story about when she was 15 and how her father hit her for catching her in an intimate moment with a boy. She explains the procedure and how she wants Mara to feel love. Mara doesn’t want to turn her back on tradition, but Dr. Lim says traditions connect us to the past, but what about the future? Mara turns her face away and says she is in pain, Dr. Lim puts her back to sleep.

Melendez continues to work on trying to keep Paul alive. Dr. Lim tells Alex and Morgan to prep the cheek as well, as she consented verbally. Morgan says she wanted to help her as much as Lim did when she wanted it; Alex says Mara wants this, just like Dr. Lim told them. Paul doesn’t survive the surgery and Shaun is willing to tell the family but Melendez says Claire needs to do it as this isn’t the time for a lie. She explains the loss to the family, who are in the chapel, saying he didn’t suffer. They begin to argue about who agreed and disagreed with the decision. Shaun says they didn’t kill their father, as Paul wanted the surgery; it’s not on them. They all hold hands and comfort each other; outside, Shaun tells Claire that when the truth can’t help someone, we should lie.

Mara wakes up, revealing she is much better. Dr. Lim comes in, saying there might be some discomfort at the surgical site but that will go away. Mara feels the inside of her cheek and knows what Lim did; their eyes meet and Mara smiles. She thanks Dr. Lim, saying she will only need Tylenol. She refuses to shake her father’s hand and leaves the room.

Shaun comes home where Lea is sleeping. He brings her cereal and a banana. He gives her back the baseball and says that it hurt. He wants to tell her the truth as it will help. Every night he would come home and look at the baseball and think of her, the ball was there but she wasn’t. She said it was sweet. He said she went away and it hurt and kept hurting, but now she is back.
He said if she stays, she will go away again and it will hurt again, so he wants her to go back to Hershey. He tells her to go anywhere but here. He takes his bag and leaves.

Aaron lays on the table as the surgeon thanks him for his trust and will do her best to deserve it. He says that’s all he can ask. He is put under and he begins to count backward.
36 Hours
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Guest Stars: Alvina August (Nurse Alana Paikin), Steve Baran (Deputy Harris), David DeSantos (Robert Plager), Elfina Luk (Nurse Dalisay Villanueva), Holly Taylor (Maddie Glassman)

Summary: Dr. Melendez, Dr. Brown and Dr. Park have given a young married couple two choices about their future: save the wife’s life or their future ability to start a family. Meanwhile, when Dr. Lim has to take care of some personal business, she leaves oversight of the emergency room to Dr. Murphy and Dr. Reznick; and Dr. Glassman’s post-op recovery leaves him struggling to get the rest he needs for recovery and also confronting his relationship with his daughter.

Dr. Murphy tells Dr. Glassman that the surgery was a success, now all he needs is chemo and radiation. Dr. Murphy admits that he slept in a chair in the lab, but he is ready for his next shift that starts in 31 minutes. Dr. Murphy is thrilled that the surgery was a success!

Dr. Melendez announces that the ER is short-staffed and he needs two volunteers for a 36-hour shift. They residents pick a number and Dr. Reznick and Dr. Murphy are the lucky volunteers.

A young married couple makes a decision for the wife to have surgery to correct fertility issues.

In the ER, a young man has an erection for 4 hours and requires medical care. Dr. Reznick inserts a needle to save him from having permanent damage. A young boy has lockjaw from putting a light bulb in his mouth. Dr. Murphy attempts to call Dr. Lim for advice on the boy’s case, but she is handling a personal matter; she is in court, this is her third violation in one year. Dr. Lim excuses herself, she speaks to the two residents and tells them that surgery is not an option for the lockjaw. The judge is annoyed and pushes Dr. Lim to the end of the day, then she fines her $1500 and suspends her license for one year. Dr. Lim starts to get angry and her lawyer advises her to be quiet, she doesn’t and gets herself landed in jail.

Dr. Brown tries to encourage Marcus to change some of his new policies, but it fails and he tells her to make sure not to forsake her usual good judgment.

Dr. Lim is back in court, the judge is not happy about being interrupted.

During the surgery of the young wife, there are lesions on her ovaries, her uterus, this is why she was in so much pain. Dr. Brown walks out of the operating room, she was on edge because
of her conversation with Marcus. Dr. Brown goes to see the husband and explains to him that the surgery is now going to take longer.

Lea keeps calling Dr. Murphy because he told her to go back to Hershey. Dr. Murphy gets an idea on how to get the light bulb out of the child's mouth. He uses a surgical pouch and successfully releases the light bulb.

The erection is back, Dr. Murphy and Dr. Reznick head back to see him. Dr. Murphy wants to call Dr. Lim, Dr. Reznick wants to give him more injections. Dr. Murphy goes to see Dr. Glassman who tells him about a procedure that will buy him time but not solve the problem.

Back in the ER, it seems like, for every lesion they find, there are more. The woman's pressure is dropping, she is bleeding out. Everyone reacts quickly and stabilizes the patient.

Dr. Murphy goes to see the man with the erection problem and tells him about the procedure that actually requires a bigger needle than the last time to restore blood flow. Dr. Reznick calls him out of the room. Just then Dr. Murphy notices a twitch in the man's foot and realizes the problem, he calls Dr. Lim who orders them to prep for surgery. The surgery goes well, Dr. Lim gives credit to Dr. Murphy and Dr. Reznick.

Dr. Lim is released from jail, the judge figured that she suffered long enough being in jail for nine hours.

Dr. Melendez and the other doctors are stressed and tired. Marcus sees them arguing with each other, he tells Melendez to take a break for all of them to return and be professional. The woman requires risky surgery and requires the husband's consent. While resuming surgery, they find more problems and Dr. Melendez believes she requires a full hysterectomy. The husband won't make the decision, he tells Dr. Brown to make it and she decides that the woman's life is worth more than having a child and orders a full hysterectomy. The woman is awake from surgery, her husband is thrilled. Dr. Melendez tells her that they had to remove her uterus to reconstruct her bladder.

Marcus calls in Dr. Melendez and the surgical team and they all have each other's back. He congratulates them and tells them to go home and get some rest.

Dr. Murphy leaves the hospital and Lea is there, he tells her if she wants to talk, he will listen because she has been a good friend. She goes on to tell him that he is a jackass and friendship is a two way street.

Dr. Glassman is trying to sleep when he dreams that his daughter comes to visit him.
The episode begins tonight with Dr. Shaun Murphy coming into the kitchen, where he left a donut for Lea Dilallo. She tells him she will be out in 48 hours, which is best for both of them. Shaun suggests her old apartment, since Kenny got arrested, she doesn’t think that’s a good idea. She brings up their big fight and it’s not gonna go away because he brought her a donut.

Dr. Aaron Glassman is talking to his young daughter, Maddie in the chair, and the doctor tells him if he isn’t getting any sleep, she could give him something; but his daughter says if he takes the medicine, she goes away; so he refuses. The doctor looks at the chair Aaron is talking to, and no one is sitting there.

Dr. Neil Melendez and Shaun meet Dr. Alex Park patient, Max, who is intellectually disabled but also has a part of a picket fence sticking through his shoulder. Shaun watches Max, remembering his own childhood.

Dr. Claire Brown works with Dr. Morgan Reznick and Dr. Audrey Lim when their patient arrives by MediVac. Her name is Kitty Kwan, and she is upset to be there as she was 150 ft from the summit as she is a “free solo” — climbs without ropes.

During surgery, Shaun asks advice on how to find new friends. Alex suggests he go big while Melendez feels if she can’t except the apology to dump her and move on. Another doctor, feels they should use a female perspective, suggesting he should just be nice to her.

Maddie tells her dad, they can’t just talk about the good memories, as his clock is ticking and they need to get to the good stuff; the real reason she is there.

Melendez, Alex and Shaun tell Max’s mother, Nicole that everything went well and he should be able to go home today. She admits that she was hoping to have one night without him.

Catherine “Kitty”’s parents arrive and learn she broke her neck. Kitty is upset when she finds out she will never be able to climb to the level she was at and definitely never free solo. She tells
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them they should have left her on the mountain to die then. Morgan suggests a second option that could give her the ability to do it again, but Claire disagrees. Kitty wants it, but her mother adamantly refuses, saying if they give her the operation, they will kill her.

The doctors try to convince Nicole about all the options of help for her and Max, but she refuses to give him up; she only wants a break from him for one night. This makes Shaun think of him being placed into fostercare and reveals that if she put Max into fostercare, he would get used to living with a stranger too.

Kitty’s parents feel she is an adrenaline junkie, but she swears it is the opposite. She feels there are much worse things than dying doing what she loves. Morgan respects what they are saying but reminds them Kitty is 18. Kitty wants to do Morgan’s procedure.

Aaron is arguing with Maddie when Shaun demands to know what he is doing; believing he is experiencing delirium with possible auditory and or visual hallucinations which is a sign of severe post op infection. Aaron insists he is fine, so he sits down and explains everything that is going on between him and Lea. Maddie is angry in the background, demanding that it be her and her dad’s time. Aaron finally stops Shaun from talking, saying he isn’t in the best time for giving advice. Shaun says its clear he is experiencing psychosis and he will inform Dr. Chesa Dulay.

When he goes to get Dulay, he hears Aaron talk to Maddie and Aaron says it is just a vision, begging Shaun to keep it a secret for just a little while. Maddie wants to know why he is talking to a ghost and tells him to take his pill, as it has to happen!

Claire goes to see Dr. Lim, who suggests Claire focuses on the medical issues because as long as Kitty is a competent adult everything else is mute.

Lea continues to look at apartments, when Shaun arrives with a list of apartments for Lea, saying he is being nice by helping her. She says he is being creepy as she didn’t ask nor wants his help. He looks down at the ad he wrote down for her.

Kitty’s parents return to her room with Claire and inform her they have other options, and since she won’t change her mind about the surgery, they will have her declared mentally incompetent.

Aaron and Maddie argue until Dr. Dulay comes back with Shaun, who says he kept their secret a while 30 minutes. She hands the pill to Aaron, ordering him to take it or she will knock him out. Once they leave the room, he spits it out as Maddie says, How sweet, that he is willing to risk his life so they can finish their little story!”

Kitty and her parents meet with a psychiatrist to see if Kitty is competent and they reveal that she overdosed on sleeping pills four years earlier. Meanwhile, Nicole ends up in the ED, for a ligament injury and is taken to the OR; Max get violent and punches Shaun in the face. Shaun calmly asks for 2 mg of lorazepam and some ice for his face as security restrains Max.

After reviewing Kitty’s case, the psychiatrist has to err on the side of preservation of human life and sides with her parents.

Aaron confronts Maddie about being high all the time as Maddie says he was too busy with Shaun, who was special needs. He was there, but she says not enough. He doesn’t understand what happened; what made her so unhappy. She felt that once she grew up he wanted nothing to do with her. He loves her and always will. She tells him she hated him and died to hate him. Aaron now tries to take the pill and she won’t let him off that easy, demanding they talk about that night!

Lea comes home, and Shaun has karaoke playing for her. She knew she could always come home from Hershey because she has Shaun to come home, but not once has he asked what happened in Hershey and it’s clear that he didn’t care.

Nicole learns her wounds will heal, but Alex tells her they know Max caused her injury. She insists Max has never hurt anyone, but when she sees the bruise on Shaun’s face. Alex says she needs to find a place for Max and there is no shame in finding help for her and Max. She fears Max will hate her. Shaun remembers the moment his foster mom tells him, he has to move out because she is very sick. Shaun tells her, “tough tit mouse!” Shaun is able to tell Nicole that he won’t hate her, he will just be scared. Melendez feels she will find the strength to keep going.
Kitty tells Claire to inform her parents she never wants to see them again. Meanwhile, Alex tells Melendez about a kid he tries to help, who needed a cop to help him; in this instance Nicole needed a doctor to give her permission to let go. On the rooftop, Claire asks Melendez how they are supposed to give advice without dragging their baggage into it? He thinks maybe their baggage gives them perspective and wisdom, or maybe he is confusing baggage with experience. He really doesn't know the difference.

Maddie blames Aaron for dragging her outside and locking the door; when her mom was out of town. He had no idea she wouldn't go to her friend’s or aunt’s place. He screams that he died that night too and he doesn’t get it, over and over.

Claire informs Kitty’s parents that she doesn’t want them there when she wakes up from surgery. Claire thinks they are going to lose their daughter forever, but the mother feels she will be able to walk down the aisle to her loving husband and hold her baby for the first time; that will have to be gift enough.

Aaron pleads for Maddie to look at him, Aaron doesn’t want Maddie to leave him like this and wanted to hold on to her love. He reveals that her mother wanted her to go to rehab and he said no because she was his little girl and wanted to be her hero and wanted her to love him again. He can only say he is sorry. Maddie holds her daddy’s hand and says she knows he loved her and she loved him too. She smiles as he finally drifts off to sleep and Shaun looks on.

Melendez goes to see Nicole, he gives her the harsh reality that people will be cruel with their words, even hate her for sending Max away; but those people won’t understand. Its the hardest thing she will have to do, but she might have to do it because of her love for him.

Kitty wakes up and learns the surgery went well and as long as she sticks to the program she will be walking in 8 weeks or less. Kitty knows her parents love her.

Nicole explains to Max what is going to happen, as Melendez and Alex find it difficult to watch. Shaun remembers moving out of his foster home, admitting he is scared to leave and she tells him, “tough titmouse!” After he leaves, his foster mom tears up.

Aaron wakes up and Shaun tells him he is not a hallucination and he has been asleep for 13 hours. Aaron says Maddie told him that she loved him, but it could have been himself saying that. Shaun says that Aaron always tells the truth, Aaron thanks him.

Neil goes to see his sister, Gabi at the house his parents put her in. He says their parents won’t come to see her and she can’t go to their house as she has so much more fun there and he helps her with the puzzle.

Shaun comes home from work and Lea thanks him for letting her crash. She says she is getting and Airbnb. Shaun asks her what happened in Hershey; when she asks if he cares, Shaun says he has tried to be nice, he has tried to go big but he doesn’t want to walk away. Everyone likes donuts, but he doesn’t know how to answer that. He looks at her and says, “I don’t care what happened in Hershey, but I care that you care.” Lea asks if he wants to try that song again and they set up the karaoke to sing “Islands in the Stream” and in mid-sentence, he reveals he went BIGGER and rented the apartment she liked for them to share!
The episode begins with Lea asking Dr. Shaun Murphy if he ever thinks of them being together as a couple; admitting that she doesn’t want them to be a couple. He talks about the apartment he rented and how sometimes feelings change, but thinks living together will be awkward. She reminds him of how unhappy they were when they weren’t getting along and anything putting their friendship at risk isn’t worth it to her. He seems to understand but walks out.

Dr. Audrey Lim shares with Dr. Alex Park and Shaun that their gall bladder surgery is canceled and wants to see if there is something more interesting up. Shaun finds a foamy urine sample, saying, “this is interesting!”

Dr. Claire Browne is in the ED when her patient comes in and falls unconscious again. Claire attempts to restart her heart by punching her fist to her chest, but cracks her sternum instead; her husband Sam DeLeon tells her that his wife caused the frailty to herself, sharing that she is anorexic.

Shaun and Alex go to see their patient, revealing they need to do a cystoscopy. He asks Shaun what that is and he informs him it is a procedure where put a camera inside his bladder to see what is going on; Alex asks Shaun to clear it with Dr. Lim.

Claire and Dr. Neil Melendez inform their anorexic patient that she need heart surgery, as one of her valves is leaking. Her husband reveals this last bout started about a year and a half ago,
but she has been suffering from it since she was fourteen. Her son arrives and his dad promises the doctor are going to help her.

Shaun visits Dr. Aaron Glassman insisting he needs to walk a full lap of the floor, in order to start the discharge process. Shaun is worried about him staying in the hospital any longer than he needs to, saying he has 8 minutes until his procedures and wants to walk with Aaron; but he tells Shaun to be early instead.

Lim tells Shaun that since he found the patient, he can have the honors of doing the procedure; guiding him on how to do it. Shaun informs them that the contrast has vanished and they realize he probably has a fistula. Meanwhile, Claire tells Melendez and Dr. Morgan Reznick that their patient is severely malnourished, she needs the surgery to survive but is too sick to have the surgery. They talk to her about her options, as Claire knows this isn’t about food, its about control; Claire wants to know how she was able to have a child and she explains how she would look at her ultrasound and picture the food going directly to him. Claire asks if she would eat again for Graham?

Dr. Lim tells their patient, the fistula was caused by Crohn’s Disease and they need to reverse his gastric bypass surgery. Alex is surprised his husband, Spence doesn’t know about about it and Shaun says Spence must be really shallow. Lim worries about the scars as Alex refuses to lie but Shaun figures out a way to deceive him.

Morgan asks Graham to leave, but he overhears Morgan and chastises his mother saying he knew she was too skinny and that is why she is there and that is probably why her heart is messed up. He tells her to prove she cares and do something about it. Claire confronts Morgan about provoking that argument, but she doesn’t care as long as she gets results.

Alex and Lim debate truth inside the marriage; but Shaun says marriage sounds confusing, it’s no wonder they both failed at it! Claire returns to see that their patient has accepted the feeding tube, she feels awkward but her husband says he is really proud of her.

Shaun finds Dr. Marina Blaize informing her about Aaron’s lack of bowel movement. He wants her to order physical therapy and exlax. She says Aaron is a proud man and won’t do the therapy and suggests he should tell Aaron that; but when he tells her he already did, she tells him to use a carrot instead of a stick. Shaun is confused and says Aaron doesn’t like carrots and asks how he should use a stick. She explains the metaphor as he continues to get messages; she tells him to get them and he rushes off.

Alex and Shaun rush in to see their patient is projectile vomiting, Spence wants to know if Crohn’s could cause the bowel obstruction and Alex doesn’t know how to respond. Claire returns, telling her patient she is doing great; but she shares that her head won’t stop. Claire encourages her to think of Sam and Graham, but as soon as she turns she yanks out the tube saying she can’t do it.

Lea tells Shaun she got his deposit back. He is mad because he feels they can still be friends with benefits, meaning they can live together. She was clear as they cannot date, kiss nor have sex; but they can live together.

Morgan and Claire meet with Melendez who can’t run the risk of self injury by forcing the tube inside and having her in restraints. Melendez wants to do the surgery now but Claire suggests they do a brain surgery as Melendez reviews the results saying it could change her personality completely. She fights for it, but he says its not a real option as it has only been used in the UK and not for anorexia. He tells them to prepare to talk to her about the valve operation.

Shaun goes to the hospital cafeteria, looking for a carrot. Debbie Wexler tells him she has lemon poppy muffin but he explains its a metaphor for moving a donkey. He needs a carrot because he doesn’t want to beat Dr. Glassman with a stick. He explains that Aaron moved his bowels this morning but he doesn’t want to appear weak and buys a chocolate chip muffin for Aaron.

Spence finds Alex in the cafeteria, saying he researched treatment about Crohn’s lesions and spoke to 2 experts who suggest he should be on medication before surgery. Alex blurts out they are not treating Crohn’s and he should talk to his husband.

Shaun tells Aaron about the muffin and it’s at the nurses’ station and they can go get it together. Aaron says he is manipulating him as his leg hurts; telling Shaun he is condescending and annoying. Shaun suggests getting his muffin, but when he gets to the door he tells Aaron an orderly is eating it. Sam finds Melendez that his wife is refusing the valve surgery until she has
tried the deep brain stimulation for her anorexia; he assures him that Dr. Browne has explained all the risks and issues.

Shaun wakes up Lea, saying he got their apartment back but had to pay $300 more. She is frustrated as he explains he will be okay living with her. He says living with her is good for him because it makes him happy. She reminds him of what he said about the unpredictable future and doesn’t want to risk their future over an apartment. He says if they don’t live together, she will have to buy her own batteries. She promises they will still see each other if they don’t live together. He says he will stop on the way to work and tell the manager they don’t want the apartment, but she says she will do it.

Claire explains DBS procedure to Dr. Marcus Andrews, Allegra Aoki and Dr. Melendez. Andrews is concerned but Claire wants them to hear from the patient herself; Melendez objects as she informs him they are less likely to get sued if they listen. She explains how she is literally killing herself and can’t stop on her own, begging them to help her stop. She is aware of all the risks and understands that she might lose her love for her son by overcoming her eating disorder. She is willing to risk everything for her son to see her succeed as he has been watching her starve herself to death for the past year.

Lim talks to Alex, who lets him know that Wade knows he told Spence the truth. Wade has demanded a transfer to another hospital. Spence feels Wade kept it a secret because he thinks he is shallow, Shaun openly thought the same thing. Wade reveals the way Spence treats a couple of their friends is the reason he didn’t tell him. Shaun realizes he is bleeding internally and Wade needs surgery now.

Dr. Browne learns her surgery has been approved and Dr. Andrews hopes her procedure goes well.

Shaun tells Alex during surgery that maybe Wade felt Spence would feel the same way Alex did, that he lost the weight the easy way. Dr. Lim looks at Alex. Meanwhile, Graham tells him mom he loves her and she reassures him she will be okay and loves him more than anyone on the planet.

Shaun returns to see Dr. Blaize telling her the chocolate chip muffin didn’t work, the donkey won’t walk. He insists Aaron isn’t embarrassed and Shaun feels he needs help recovering and Dr. Glassman got angry at him. Shaun doesn’t know what to do and he is her patient. She tells Shaun that Aaron needs a support friend and he knows the perfect person, running out of her office again, leaving the door open.

Claire’s patient wakes up, feeling like she wants something to eat. Graham hugs his mother and Sam wants to bring him home for a good night sleep. Once they leave, Claire learns that the hug was different for her.

Alex tells Spence that Wade’s surgery went well and he’s awake. Spence shares photos of Wade before he had his bypass and Alex honestly tells him it is possible that Wade might end up like that again; Spence wishes he didn’t know that and walks away.

Debbie Wexler comes to see Aaron, saying that Shaun thought he could use the visit. She apologizes for being out of touch and he says he dropped the ball because of his brain tumor. She pulls back his blankets and tells him they are going for a walk, revealing she has spent some time as a nurse and puts his slippers on.

Claire goes to see Melendez, saying she came from Louisa’s room and she is eating. He feels that is great news and hopefully they can do the valve repair in few weeks. He says she won’t be involved in that or any of his surgeries as she went around him. He tells her that he didn’t get Dr. Andrews; he expects his residents to argue passionately for their position but they need to accept his decision, even when he is wrong. She is upset when he says he cannot run his team any other way.

Aaron and Debbie are walking the floor, as Shaun watches from the corner. Dr. Blaize tells Shaun he did a good job, but he says it was Debbie who is a better carer than he is. Outside, Alex calls his ex to make sure the check got there okay and has a question about Phil, wondering what might have happened if he hadn’t seen them together.

Shaun returns and Lea tells him she found her next apartment. It has a fireplace, natural lighting and a great roommate who is a good friend who works a lot as she might not see him much. She is talking about Shaun. She agrees that if he says he can handle this she is going to trust him. He gets excited, and they jump up and down, celebrating that they are going to be roommates.
The episode begins with Lea coming into the kitchen and Dr. Shaun Murphy. He asks her to pick up two-ply toilet paper and it must hang over, as that is the only right way.

At the hospital, Dr. Neil Melendez brings Shaun and Dr. Morgan Reznick to meet their newest patient, who is a musician. She hurt her finger, so Melendez says they can drain it and pack and in 72 hours she will be back to normal. Dr. Alex Park advises Dr. Claire Browne to apologize, but she feels she didn't do anything wrong. Dr. Audrey Lim rescues them, saying they have a 13-year-old patient on the way in. Riley Mulloy has severe nosebleed that won't stop and Lim needs to deal with it quickly.

Meanwhile, Shaun and Morgan talk with their violinist, who should be numb by now, she admits that her pain sometimes goes all the way up to her neck. Shaun says it might be flesh eating bacteria and they might have to cut off her finger, even after Morgan says it could be tinnitus or arthritis.

Alex finds the bleeder in Riley's nose and when her parents arrive, Alex offers to take the divorced parents to another room so they are not bickering in front of her. Morgan asks Shaun what they need to know for it to be necrotizing fasciitis? He says they would have to remove a portion of her finger, spelling the end of her career. She tells him there is almost zero chance that is what it is; before walking away he wants to know which way Morgan puts her toilet paper and she insists it doesn't matter.

Riley's parents return with Dr. Park who want to know if she has been snorting anything. She says she has been using FloNase because of her sniffles and that could have been what caused the thinning of the membranes. Her mother tells her dad to keep her again tonight since she missed an important meeting. They continue to argue and Riley can’t breath as her mom says she is only anxious; Park and Claire return to help her as Riley begins to vomit up blood.

Claire is able to talk to Riley, sharing how bad school was. Claire sends a scope down and feels it might just be from the post nasal bleed. Claire talks to Shaun, who tells Claire that Morgan
doesn't want to perform the right test. He runs into the bathroom and takes photos of the way the rolls are in the bathroom, saying they were installed by professionals sending Lea it. Lea doesn't care about it; but Claire thinks he should talk Lea and he throws it back in her face that she should talk to Melendez.

Dr. Aaron Glassman is at home, refusing to use his cane. He walks to the front door where Debbie Wexler brings him some food, but is too busy to stay but will be back tomorrow with dinner for their second date.

Morgan takes care of their patient, talking about how she took archery in school but eventually gave it up. Shaun comes in, revealing she now has a fever and rash throughout her body. He really wants to do an open deep tissue biopsy; but Morgan tells him outside of the room, that being a good doctor is not scaring the crap out of the patient. Morgan questions if he wants to amputate her finger, but the questions are irrelevant when her temperature jumps 2 degrees in the time they are arguing; Morgan agrees to the biopsy.

Dr Melendez comes in, confirming that Shaun was right and they need to get in there and try to save her hand. Once in the OR, the muscle is weak and they hope there is only tissue damage and overnight watch and hopefully things will be okay.

Alex and Claire wait as Riley goes through her scanning. He refuses to divulge any information on his personal life. When the scan is completed, there is nothing to find and Alex says it is time to send the teen home with her parents.

Shaun comes home, and finds the toilet paper on wrong. Lea is running late for work but he panicking over everything; Lea is trying to be accommodating, but he isn't cutting her any slack. Shaun shuts down as she worries if he will be okay.

Claire is helping a patient into a temporary boot for their Achillies Heel, when Riley’s father rushes her back to the ER; she can’t breath and spiked a fever, Claire feels she has spiked a fever due to some underlining condition; paging Park and Lim. When all tests seem to be clear, Claire thinks they may have misses a progressively growing tumor on her bronchial tube. Alex thinks the saver and better plan is antibiotics; Lim wants her present the surgery it to her parents and Riley.

Aaron is thrilled to see his home nurse leave for the day but things only get worse when Lea barges in, explaining that she might have broken Shaun. Aaron doesn’t know how to deal with Shaun because he is still learning after 12 years. He tells Lea to sit down, while she is annoying and agitating him. Lea explains that she likes Shaun because he is just Shaun, but she kinda of expected him to change a little. Aaron says it that is, she needs to move out now; it will hurt but the less devastating it will be.

Riley’s parents learn of the shadow on the CT, and they want them to believe in Riley, because that is what a parent does. Her mother reveals how much pain she is in and they don’t know how to make it do away. Riley looks at her dad as he explains what the doctors want to do; all three know it is scary but they do believe the doctors.

Shaun and Morgan’s patient’s alarms sound and they find out she is septic, and now have to amputate her arm, rushing into the OR. Morgan suggests going into the Oxygenized chamber with her, to prevent it from spreading to her other organs. Shaun keeps watch on Morgan and their patient.

Alex, Lam and Claire work hard to save their young patient, Riley. Alex feels it was a mistake and they need to close her up as soon as possible because her exterior wall shouldn’t be this frail. Lim explores more and as Alex traps the lobe they find a piece of Lego in Riley’s lung; something he inhaled when she was really young. After the doctors leave, the parents apologize for everything, including divorce. Riley says they are way better off divorced; but they promise to do better from now on.

Wendy and Aaron enjoy dinner at his place, talking about movies, thoroughly enjoying each others company. Wendy even kisses him, trying to bring him for a walk up the stairs, but he stumbles — a result of him refusing to use the cane in physio therapy.

Morgan informs her patient in the chamber that she had necrotizing fasciitis and they had to amputate her arm. She swears her arm still hurts and she can feel it; Morgan explains that is called phantom pain. She blames Morgan for it and a shouts for her to get the hell out, but doesn’t realize she can’t.

The day is coming to an end, Alex tells Claire it was a job well done; She doesn’t believe his cynicism. Debbie checks on Aaron, who says he is still a little light-headed but the bigger picture
is he doesn’t want Wendy there like this and asks her to go. He apologizes as she leaves.

Melendez sees Morgan in one of the rooms and sits down beside her, learning her patient, Jaz played violin since she was 5 years old; Shaun didn’t care, he only saw her symptoms. Melendez says one day that will be the wrong choice. He shares a story a weird second year resident in the program, who wore comic book t-shirts who was fantastic at surgeries and one day he realized he was competing against her, but not vice versa. She simply wanted to be a great surgeon; now Dr. Lim is one of the top trauma surgeons in the country.

Claire gets on the elevator where Dr. Lim and Dr. Melendez are in, both tell her she did a nice save today. Once she exits the elevator, Melendez leaves for a beer with Lim, whom he is sure has something to say to him about Claire’s bad judgment.

Lea apologizes for how she treated Shaun. She reassures him that she is not moving out, as they are both difficult to live with. She doesn’t need him to change but she needs him to know that he is annoying as hell and wants to know if he will try to compromise. He says he can’t use 1-ply toilet paper but the cups can go to the right of the plates. Lea smiles and takes out the recycling; both agree to rearrange the place together. Shaun goes into the bathroom and likes the idea very much of having two toilet paper holders.
Hubert

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Summary: Shaun and Morgan try to treat a man with the help of his brother. Claire asks Dr. Melendez for help to treat her friend who’s dying from cancer. Dr. Glassman continues on his road to recovery.

Lea and Shaun are looking to acquire a new pet, he finds out that she is allergic to cats. In the end, they get a goldfish and she calls him Hubert.

Claire goes to visit her friend Kayla, she is not doing well and says that her team put her on hospice.

Dr. Browne speaks to Dr. Melendez and Dr. Park about her college roommates’ stage four cancer. She tells them that she has a month at most. Dr. Browne wants them to remove the tumor to stop the pain. Dr. Melendez says he look at her.

A man comes into emergency with a nail in his forehead, it is removed but then he passes out, his brother is wondering what is wrong.

Dr. Melendez meets with Claire’s friend and tells her that Dr. Park will perform the surgery, she wants Dr. Browne, Dr. Melendez promises she will be there.

The brother is in surgery and he has a damaged kidney that has to be removed, the problem is, he was only born with one kidney.

In surgery, Kayla’s cancer doesn’t seem as bad as she was diagnosed and she may be eligible for treatment. The surgery is done, Dr. Melendez explains the surgery to Kayla, this could give her another six months even though it is a risky surgery. Claire tells her friend that it is worth putting her trust in the doctors, she says ok.

Lea face times Shaun and tells him that Hubert looks bored. She asks him to bring he a little castle to make him happy.

Claire is alone with her friend and she asks her to go out with her husband Tash so he is not alone when she is gone.

Dr. Park and Dr. Browne are alone doing a scan on Kayla when he smiles and looks over and says, Tash seems like a nice man.
The two brothers talk about the one needing a kidney and the other is a perfect match, but won't give up his kidney unless he agrees to sell the family business.

Claire speaks to Tash about Kayla, he asks her if Kay mentioned them getting together when she is done. Claire says it is insane, Tash says it is best to forget about it.

Dr. Reznick is not happy that the brother is using the sale of the family business as leverage for a kidney for his brother; he is basically bargaining over life and death.

Kayla asks Claire if she has considered hooking up with her husband Tash. Claire says it will never be the right time, she has no intentions of dating her husband. She pressures Claire to accepting one date, one date only and seeing where things go.

Dr. Reznick speaks to the brother who could donate his kidney and tells him that he should love his brother enough to give him the kidney. He says everything in life is leverage, he has leverage over his brother. Dr. Reznick says that she doesn't think he will let his brother die, he says he will.

At dinner, Claire and Tash are doing their best to enjoy themselves to make Kayla happy. They start talking about the past and both start laughing and enjoying the conversation.

Dr. Murphy goes to see Santiago, the brother who needs the kidney and tells him that he should sell the business and take the money to start a new business and have his brother as a partner. He says his father trusted him with controlling shares and he would rather die than sell them. The thing is, he only has a couple of days.

Shaun gets home and finds Hubert dead, he tells Lea they can get another fish. Lea says no, she is sad, angry, frustrated and upset. Shaun wants to get another fish, she says the fish is not the problem. Lea tells him that she is upset about her relationship with her brother and if she can’t keep a fish alive, how can she work on a relationship.

Kayla says goodbye to Tash, she is going into surgery. Claire is there, Kayla reminds her that she has to try and make it work with Tash if she doesn’t make it through surgery. Claire calls her a neurotic control freak that always wants to get her way.

Santiago’s brother is at the hospital, other family members are testing themselves to give him a kidney. Dr. Murphy tells him that his brother would rather die than let his father down. The brothers try to make up, but it turns out to be a disaster and they start to argue, Santiago screams at his brother to get out of his room.

In the end, the brother signs the consent form to give his brother the kidney.

Tash is waiting for Kayla to come out, Claire comes out and tells him that she is doing well. Tash and Claire sit down and talk, he tells her about her fatigue and pain, he just wants to help her, he hates waiting for her to die. Claire has to return to the OR, Tash is a mess. In the OR, Kayla is in cardiac pulmonary collapse.

The brothers are out of surgery, Santiago is improving, he thanks his brother for the kidney.

Kayla is out of surgery and talking to Tash, Claire walks in and says sorry for the words she said before she went into surgery. Claire tells her to start thinking about herself, she is dying, it is not fair, it is painful and scary — but she is not alone.

Claire thanks Dr. Melendez for everything he did, she tells him that he is the most gifted surgeon that she has ever worked with.

Shaun takes Lea to the pet store, he tells the clerk that the fish had a parasite and they owe him a fish. They get to pick a fish. Lea didn’t kill Hubert, he was defective.
The episode begins with Dr. Claire Browne, Dr. Audrey Lim and Dr. Shaun Murphy rushing to the ER to meet their car crash victims. The wife seems to have internal bleeding and they need to do an ultrasound, the husband appears to have fractured his hip and they need to relocate the hip. Claire’s ultrasound shows a lot of free fluid and they need to go into the OR, the husband pleads with Dr. Murphy to save her as it is there anniversary and she is his everything.

Dr. Morgan Resnick and Dr. Alex Park talk to their young patient, Finn Tilley his upcoming surgery, but he has minimal reflexes. They have to run tests to find out why he has pain and fatigue and if everything is okay, they can proceed as planned.

Shaun joins Lim and Claire in the OR informing them of what the husband said. Meanwhile, Morgan and Park inform Finn’s parents that his symptoms suggest he has a viral or bacterial infection; they learn Finn has never been vaccinated. Morgan argues with the parents about how they are endangering other kids, but Park sides with the parents; Morgan speaks to him outside, advising him to send Finn home with his parents but Park reminds her they are to do no harm and he isn’t sending them home with a sick child. Morgan tells him about her best friend’s child who died due to lack of vaccines. Park leaves to test Finn for Polio.

Claire informs the husband that his wife had a ruptured fallopian tube; they were unable to save the pregnancy. He had no idea she was pregnant as he had a vasectomy right before they got married 10 years prior; he demands to see his wife saying they made a mistake. Shaun tells him it is more likely that his wife got pregnant by someone who isn’t him.

Allegra Aoki Dr. Marcus Andrews Claire is being courted by other residency programs, but he doesn’t believe she is leaving. He didn’t know that Claire was the one approaching other hospitals...
but tells Allegra she isn’t happy because she went over Dr. Neil Melendez’ and he is freezing her out. Marcus doesn’t want to get involved but Allegra reminds him it won’t look good to lose two diverse residents in the course of a year.

Park speaks to Finn’s parents, using Morgan’s story reminding them how dangerous these diseases are and begs them to reconsider this. They call over Morgan saying Finn is negative for Polio but they would like to do an MRI. They apologize for Park’s friend but their opinion hasn’t changed; Alex faces Morgan who is furious.

Dr. Aaron Glassman answers Dr. Marina Blaize’s on his recovery; insisting radiation is going fine and only had a minor memory lapse when he forgot his wallet. He swears he hasn’t had any more feeling she is blowing it out of proportion that he forgot when he parked his car. She wants to evaluate his mental health, which he refuses; but she says if this is memory loss it means he will have to give up driving and more in-home care. Dr. Blaize opens the door and tells him if anything changes he shouldn’t forget to tell her. He returns because he forgot his hat.

Alex says he stole Morgan’s story because it is good, but she feels that stories don’t change minds and he wants to bet alcohol on it. They look at Finn’s scans and see that he has two spinal cords. Dr. Melendez explains to Finn’s parents what is going on with their son, and he has had it since birth. They can go in and untangle it, but he can become paraplegic.

The wife insists she couldn’t possibly be pregnant as Todd asks if she had an affair. She insists that Todd could have gotten her pregnant; Claire says it is highly unlikely but supposes it could be possible, and they can test his sperm count.

Finn’s mother confirms to Dr. Park that they want to vaccinate Finn, as soon as possible. He says they will start with the first round right away. He messages Morgan, who learns that the bottle of Whiskey Alex wants is $500.00. Marcus sits with Claire, who admits that he pushed her to be more assertive and she will not apologize for what she believes is still right. Marcus promises her that Melendez will take her back, but she calls him on it, feeling that he believes she is the path of least resistance, he says he came to her first because she is a residence and still earning her place in this hospital and if she cares about her job, she will speak to Melendez. She stands firm on her decision.

Park gives Finn his first immunization needle but when Finn goes up to use the bathroom, he collapses and can’t feel his legs. Park shouts for a backboard as he needs an OR now! Shaun sits with his patient, who says she loves Todd. She leans out, saying he looks very young for a doctor and kisses him. Shaun runs for the door and she swears she was only thanking him for saving her life.

Shaun reveals at the nurses’ station that Todd’s sperm count is 0 and his wife kissed him on the lips for saving her. Shaun has to think about filing a report and only needs to tell Todd about the test results. Todd storms into the room, demanding to know if his wife is leaving him too as he reveals they only have $400 in the bank. He wants her to look him in the eyes and tell him the truth; something she is unable to do. She apologizes, saying she tried to stop but was unable to help herself.

Todd storms out, but Shaun sits down with her wanting to know why she married him. She loves him and the best thing that came into her life and she can’t imagine living without him. She doesn’t know why she kissed him and she says it was a mistake; he suddenly looks closely at her and says he knows why she did it.

Finn’s team is busy trying to separate his spinal cords as Morgan bugs Alex about his five hundred dollar bottle of Whiskey. Melendez tells them all to stop touching Finn, as they have to figure another way to remove it without putting pressure on the spinal cord; Morgan finds a solution.

Marcus confronts Melendez, feeling her actions were a mistake but he didn’t get where he is without breaking some rules. It is like David and Goliath, except David forgot his slingshot and Goliath is beating the crap out of her. Marcus tells him unless this is resolved it will make it very hard to make Melendez Chief of Surgery, and harder for him to go to bat for Neil when bigger issues come up.

Shaun barges into a patient’s room, saying he won’t press charges against their patient as she has a legal defense; the kissing and cheating are caused by a neurological problem, and he figured that out by a muscle spasm. Dr. Lim tells him to go test his theory and goes back to stapling her patient’s head.
Finn is out of surgery and able to feel his legs and feet, but his temperature and heart rate are rising and he has the chills. Shaun and Claire continue to scan their patient. Claire is cynical but Shaun is certain she has no reason to lie. When the brain doesn’t have a tumor, Shaun says he is sad as the world is sad and complicated and he wishes it wasn’t. They show her the scans and she tells them the past few months with Todd were like their honeymoon and now here she is. Claire wants to review the scans, asking her to draw the face of a clock, proving there is a tumor but they are looking in the wrong place.

Aaron runs into Shaun in the hallway, wanting to talk. Aaron sits him down, saying he has memory loss and doesn’t want any tests for it as he can administer the tests himself. Shaun tells him to come to Shaun’s apartment tonight and they will test if he is losing his memory.

Morgan and Alex reveal Finn has a staph infection at the surgical site; he is stable and resting but needs to go back into the surgery to flush it out, when Alex reassures them it has nothing to do with his vaccinations, Finn’s father had no idea his mother had approved them. She was worried Finn might have gotten sick and could get their soon to be newborn baby sick too.

Todd sits as Claire and Shaun reveal the tumor is in the chest but forces a protein to travel to the brain, causing mental disorders including lots of inhibitions. Shaun tells Todd to hug and kiss his wife, as she is about to go into a scary surgery. She confirms she had 4 affairs, but she donated it all and couldn’t help it; unable to say no. Claire informs him that the surgery will bring back her inhibitions, Todd cannot handle the fact that she enjoyed her affairs, even if it was in the moment.

Finn is concerned that his parents are not visiting him at the same time; Alex tries to reassure him but Finn knows that his dad didn’t know about the vaccination. Finn is angry that Alex won’t get involved, saying his mom is pregnant and now his dad isn’t talking to her and it is all his fault!

Melendez finds Claire scrubbing in and says he has been asked to speak to her. He tells her she is an excellent doctor and respects her skills. She apologizes for undermining his authority and she was wrong. He appreciates it but she tells him that she doesn’t mean it. She knows the senior staff has ordered him to take her back and he is in an impossible situation — if he doesn’t take her back he is screwed but if he takes her back, he looks weak; so if she says she is sorry, she is giving him cover. He smiles and tells her that he will see her tomorrow.

Claire finds Todd in the chapel, saying they got the tumor out and she is fine. She also is glad he didn’t leave, but he was afraid she was going to die and can’t be sure he can forgive her. Claire wants to know if he was ever attracted to other women; he admits he checks them out but never wanted to jump them. Claire says she acted on every temptation she had but she never left him as she was never tempted to walk away from him because she never stopped loving him.

Alex finds Finn’s father, telling him a story of a couple where the wife lied and they let it fester between them; eventually the husband moved out and never saw his kid. Finn’s dad doesn’t want any more of his parables, saying it’s his stories that brought him here. Alex reminds him that he chose to be there, and when he asked if the story is even true, Alex walks away saying, "No!"

Shaun checks over his patient, who is responsive. Shaun asks if she would like to kiss him, she tells him "a little, but I am not going to", which Shaun says is a good sign. Todd returns to the room, while Claire and Shaun quietly leave, giving them some space. Todd takes his wife’s hands as Shaun says that is a very good sign.

Morgan finds Alex in the locker room, reminding him that measles kills, broken homes don’t. She suggests going to a bar to blow off steam. He says he is going to the range and says he has three guns. She wants to go, which he agrees if she doesn’t talk and pays for her own ammo.

Aaron arrives at Shaun’s place; Lea Dilallo there as she is out drinking with her friends. Aaron brings his tests but Shaun asks him his own questions instead, like where he got his couch. He is able to answer where he got his furniture. Shaun brings out a photo of him and his brother and wants to know if Aaron knows his brother’s name; Aaron looks at the photo and says his brother’s name is Sam, but it is Steve. He tells Aaron he is losing his memory.
The episode begins with Dr. Shaun Murphy finding Dr. Aaron Glassman in the hospital asking for his license as he has a memory deficit and Dr. Marina Blaize agrees and he will notify the DMV if he doesn’t give it to him right now. Dr. Claire Browne, Dr. Morgan Reznick and Dr. Neil Melendez walk with their patient, George who has an embolism and only noticed the symptoms a few hours earlier; it seems like he is having a stroke from the medications and they are taking him to the OR.

Dr. Alex Park watches as Shaun works on Billy, about to inflate his lung. He was made fun of his whole life for having a dent in his forehead. Shaun says they are ordering an MRI for his lungs, then they will fix his fractured eye orbit; Alex wants to also repair his forehead, but Shaun says it is a pre-existing condition and shouldn’t be approved.

While doing the procedure, they realize George doesn’t have an embolism and could be taking the meds because he is transitioning; Melendez wants them to focus on what they do know and hope that their patient has other options because if he keeps taking the medications he will continue to have strokes. Morgan and Claire confront George about not having hyperplasia and they need to know the truth. He admits he is not transitioning, nor hyperplasia. He has problems with controlling his sex drive and can’t have life; only those meds are making life remotely tolerable.

Shaun talks to Alex, saying the forehead operation is cosmetic and expensive. Alex argues that it would save his life but Shaun feels saving his life is the guard’s job. Alex realizes Shaun has no empathy, but Shaun believes having empathy is a bad feeling to have.

Allegra Aoki meets with Dr. Marcus Andrews, telling him to spend more time with his attendings and scheduled his announcement in 2 days to reveal who he is making Chief of Surgery.

Claire learns from Morgan that George has checked himself out, she did some research and realized the medication he is on, is only prescribed to deviants and they both worry they might...
have just released a child molester. They watch as George leaves on the bus, but cannot call the police because they have no evidence of a crime.

Alex is in the lunch area, as they all bet on who is going to be the CoS. Shaun wants to know if you need empathy to be a good doctor. Morgan thinks empathy is of the utmost importance when dealing with patients; Shaun explains his condition and makes it very difficult to switch places with the people he is treating. Claire reassures him that not having it doesn't mean he'll be a bad doctor.

George is brought back into the ER, where he is severely bleeding from the scrotum; EMTs believe it was a hate crime but Claire knows he did this to himself. George says he is not a monster and never touched a child. He explains that his sister was his best friend and now she has children; if he can't keep taking the drugs, this was his only option. Morgan says he did a lot of damage but his testicles are unscathed. He begs them to finish the job.

Morgan and Claire meet with Melendez and Marcus. Morgan wants to castrate him but Claire feels he should be put on medications and have a psych evaluation. Melendez tells them to patch him up and set up his referrals.

Dr. Park talks to Billy about his time in juvenile corrections. Alex is demonstrating how talking to the patient is keeping him calm. Billy talks about his family as Alex feels Billy is just scared; Shaun shows him he is short of breath because his diaphragm is now in his stomach and Billy needs emergency surgery on it now. Dr. Audrey Lim joins them in the OR, where they all know it took some strong footwear to cause this damage. Alex argues his case to fix Billy's forehead, she sides with Shaun. He asks if that is because she has no empathy, but empathy is a good thing to have.

George tells Morgan that he hates himself for having these thoughts but he cannot stop them and he is afraid of what he could do. Claire promises they will start the process immediately. He refuses treatment, telling them to let them rot.

Shaun sits beside Aaron, saying them both being unable to drive is something in common. Aaron is pissed that it was taken away from him, especially by a friend. Shaun is actively listening, so he can enhance his self-worth. Aaron talks about how he bought a car the day after he got his license with every penny he made at a gas station. It made him feel amazing because that gave him independence and that is what they took from him; he doesn't expect Shaun to understand so he doesn't need to pretend.

Lim is bothered by Andrews "Stalking" them and suggests to Melendez they tell him to back off. He says the last thing he is going to do is confront Marcus when he is the front-runner; she says not according to Vegas where she is in the lead 3-2. He says that's because they don't know she has double the mortality rate. She says that is like comparing apples to asshats; he jokes that he resents being called an apple!

Billy is awake from surgery, and when Alex tells him that they cannot fix his forehead; Billy says he is okay as he didn’t expect it. Billy says his dad taught him to be tough and would hit him in the forehead; Billy explains how his dad was a huge baseball fan and lost in the 12th inning and that's what happened. George continues to refuse any medication as Morgan and Claire both hate the situation.

Shaun is in the driver's seat with Lea Dilallo, as he passed the written test. She tells him to close his eyes and take some nice deep breaths, telling him to visualize the parking lot and cars around them. Once she knows he is comfortable with their surroundings, he puts the car into drive and she advises him to open his eyes and light on the gas. Shaun keeps talking about the rules of the road while driving but he is driving so slow and now the drivers behind him are annoying. He stops in the middle of the road and panic.

Melendez asks Marcus for some privacy, saying he is infringing on his autonomy and inhibiting the free flow of ideas, both of which affect his ability to deliver the best patient care; Marcus smirks and leaves the room. Claire wants to sign off on the documentation and do the castration, but Melendez says until his testicles are completely beyond repair they cannot remove them. He orders them to put him somewhere else if he is keeping other patients awake.

During a second surgery for Billy, Alex talks to Lim again about his forehead. She wonders if him sending some kids to Juvvie when he was a police officer, and that is why he feels so guilty. Shaun suggests they implant a breast implant in his forehead and if they do it now, it won't require any additional surgery and very economical; Lim agrees.
Morgan and Claire watch George pass out in the morgue; Claire checks on him and tells them to book an OR. Dr. Melendez comes into the OR, where they reveal they have a strong case for castration now. Dr. Lim walks in and accuses Melendez of using her argument, word for word. Lim says this is one more reason she will never work under him because he only wants the title. She reminds him there is a long trail of people in the dust who have underestimated her. Just before they start George’s surgery, his stats drop and they realize he is septic; worried if he starts bleeding he will die.

Lim, Alex, and Shaun work on Billy’s forehead, where they tell her the odds are in her favor 6 — 1; she tells them to put $100 on her. Billy’s pulse is gone with Lim starting CPR.

Marcus tells Allegra that Melendez stood up to him in front of a group of residents, which reminded him of something he has done. Lim has the focus that took him years to develop and Cooperberg reminds him of himself. Allegra says one of his weaknesses was decision making and she had hoped he got past that when she made him President.

They are able to bring Billy back as Lim is determined to get back to the “main event”. Alex takes a moment of reflection. George also stabilizes, leaving the ball in Dr. Melendez’ court; he tells them if they want to save his life, they need to save his testicles as his body can’t handle any more loss of testosterone right now.

Lea returns home, telling Shaun she knows how to teach him how to drive. She tells him to work with her and focus. She talks about things that could happen while he is driving, like someone falling off the sidewalk into his car’s path and compares it to when he performs surgery. He is able to use the analogies as she encourages him. He tells the fish he has got this and chases after her back to the car.

George wakes up as Claire and Morgan reveal they did the surgery, but his testicles had to stay or he would die. Claire gently tells him they set him up with a psychologist and urologist, and once they get him cleared they can do this the right way. George gets it that if he doesn’t do it their way it won’t happen.

Shaun is nervous, but Lea tells him this Shaun has a plan for this intersection and he is going to dissect it and do it. He turns into the bike lane and fully turns the corner. Lea is very impressed with him, but someone runs into the street, chasing a soccer ball. Shaun hits garbage cans to avoid hitting the person, gets out of the car saying he cannot drive. Lea tells him that becoming a surgeon is way more than operating; he insists he is very bad at communicating but she says just because something is hard doesn’t mean he can’t do it. He hit a trash can instead of a pedestrian and he did a great job. Shaun talks about how the ball was like dropping an instrument in the OR and he needs to get back up. He says he can drive and gets back in the car.

Dr. Marcus Andrews has the meeting, where he shares his pride in the surgical unit; there were many worthy candidates but has decided to maintain the title himself. Everyone is shocked except for Shaun who won the Vegas pot!

Billy tears up as he sees his face; Alex reveals that it was Shaun’s idea. Billy laughs that they used a breast implant to save his life. Shauna tells him that he almost died and it was a mistake. Shaun walks out. Claire goes to see George’s room and finds he is gone; Morgan and Claire go outside just in time to find him walk in front of a bus.

Lim joins Melendez at the bar, admitting she was playing him over Andrews; but Melendez says Andrews pitted them against each other and she was right that they need to stand together. She asks where that wisdom was two days ago, and he says in the bottle.

Alex realizes that Shaun empathized with Billy, that is how he came up with the idea; Shaun feels like he almost killed him. Alex reveals a stash of pain meds Billy was keeping and he wasn’t lying when he said Shaun saved his life!

Morgan and Claire sit at a table, where Morgan feels this shouldn’t have ended this way but she isn’t so sure the world is a worse place than it was a couple hours ago. Meanwhile, Shaun enjoys the car, but still nervous. He honks outside of Aaron’s house, saying his next radiation appointment is in 45 minutes and gets Aaron into the back seat. Aaron thanks Shaun, who is more nervous than Shaun who initially goes in reverse.
Quarantine

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Summary: Dr. Murphy and Dr. Lim treat two patients who collapse at the airport and whose symptoms point to an airborne infection causing the hospital to go under quarantine.

The episode begins with Dr. Neil Melendez wakes up in bed next to Dr. Audrey Lim; both saying it is Dr. Marcus Andrews fault. Lim says it was pretty great but it should never happen as it would make things too complicated at work. She has to cover the ER today, as he jokes just before Christmas it will be a madhouse.

Dr. Shaun Murphy arrives at the hospital, where he sees Christmas lights everywhere. He doesn't like the noise, but Lim tells him she needs him on his game as two ambulances are coming in, back to back. The two patients that arrive are from the airport and have collapsed.

Shaun believes Marianne’s symptoms are from her long flight but Lim rushes off as their other patient loses his pulse again.

Lim calls to Shaun, who says that Marianne’s breathing should be getting better; she continues to work on her patient. She tells Shaun to place in a central line, but he pauses as he notices something and in his mind he realizes something. He helps Lim, but it has been 30 minutes since her patient has responded and she orders them to stop compressions and calls the time of death. Shaun gets Marianne to confirm she was on the same flight as the other patient, revealing they both have vascular rashes and whatever infection killed him, Marianne may have it too.

Marianne is placed into a negative pressure room, as she worries she is going to die like the other patient. They don’t know if they have the same thing, but she felt sick on the plane and has never traveled before. She says the man who died was sitting 6 or 7 rows in front of her, but she was never physically close to him; Shaun says that suggests it could be airborne and now everyone on the plane and this ER has been exposed.

Melendez, Dr. Alex park and Dr. Claire Browne talk to their patient, Chris Santos about his chemo and radiation treatment. Alex says his dad is good to go on his bone marrow donation,
but Chris says not to call Bob Cravens his father, as he walked out on him when he was 4; it was only his biological material that gave him life. Chris complains about some pain and Melendez says it’s showing him he is having a heart attack and they need radiation right now and get his donor in there now.

Andrews is on the phone with Lim, who feels a quarantine might be unnecessary but he will call CDC and Public Health Department to see who the passengers came to contact with. He calls for his clothes as he is going into the office. Dr. Morgan Resnick thanks Tyler, sarcastically, for having her called in on her day off. Her patient complains about having a belly ache from eating several dozens of candy canes. Morgan notices that her patient has a scar and requests a CT.

Shaun grabs Tyler, revealing he also has the rash on his neck that wasn’t there earlier. Tyler reveals he didn’t keep the mask on the entire time, as Shaun explains it is vitally important to keep it on during airborne diseases. Marianne’s alarms sound and they rush off.

Alex calls Bob, saying they need to move up the transplant in order for his son to be healthy and says they will see him soon. Alex is happy to see son, who is more interested when he can use his phone than going to the batting cages.

They are unable to revive Marianne as Morgan looks back at Tyler terrified for him. Lim reveals the staff that Andrews has put the hospital on soft quarantine while he consults the board. All ambulances are to be diverted and they have to stall discharges and turn away walk-ins. Tyler stays on antibiotics and isolation, but they are to keep an eye on him. Shaun says he needs to eat but Lim says patients first as she sorts through the patients that are already in the ER. Lim helps a woman who is very pregnant and worried that her husband is terrified about germs. Lim makes excuses, saying they want to do nerve test to make sure her hand is okay. Alex’s son tries to leave and is told he can’t leave, ordered by Lim that he has to stay put and asks security to tell Park where his son is.

Chris feels worse during his test but is assured his donor is on his way but goes to call to make sure as Chris says his dad is finding new ways to let him down. Shaun does another test instead of the CT because of circumstance but he is bothered by the buzzing of the light. He insists it is distracting and needs to be fixed. Bob Cravens wants to ask about a patient but is told he needs to wait.

Morgan attends to Tyler, who says where they are going on their date. He is kind and pays very close attention to her. He suggests sushi and a cocktail settle his nerves, since she is smart and beautiful, but no drink for him because he needs to remain sharp and needs all the tools in his toolbox. Tyler gets a fever and the rash has fully materialized.

Lim calls the order, announcing to the ER that everyone in it is under quarantine and has already infected 3 patients and everyone is being started on antivirals. Patients begin to get upset as they learn they are locked in, Bob freaks out, saying he needs to get out. He grabs a chair but Lim injects him and he drops to the floor, saying, "Like it or not, no one is leaving!"

The doors outside are sealed and Andrews holds a press conference, revealing what is happening. Melendez, Alex, and Claire worry about the doctors who are down in the ER, as well as them waiting for Bob. Alex gets the call, saying his son is downstairs and he runs out the door.

Shaun says “Santa Pete” needs surgery, and he needs to go as he had an appoint 37 minutes ago; but Lim says nothing is more important than this right now, asking if someone has a nonsurgical solution to a bowel obstruction. Shaun begins to think, but the buzzing of the light keeps distracting him. He tries to explain but says it cannot be done but Nurse Deena Petringa says they can do a saline enema, which might untwist the bowel; Lim says it is simple and might work.

Alex knows his son must be scared, but he insists he is fine and walks away. Lim and Shaun work on the saline solution with Santa, who initially feels uncomfortable; but then says he feels so much better. Morgan returns to Tyler, explaining what will happen to him if this doesn’t work for him. She distracts him about another idea for their first date; talking about archery, she can show him how to do it and then she can demolish him when they do it. He says that sounds like a reason to live as she holds his hand.

Paige picks up Dr. Aaron Glassman to take him to his imaging appointment, revealing there is a quarantine at the hospital. Shaun feels fine other than missing lunch and his concern about Aaron missing his appointment. Aaron begs her to take him to the hospital, as he wants to help. He says some might find her sassy attitude, but he isn’t one of them; for that, she is crushed.
Alex continues to look at his son when Viola’s husband arrives, worried about her and the baby. She tells him to calm down, saying that he needs to remain calm because if something happens to her, she needs someone to take care of their son. He is totally surprised they are having a boy; they exchange “I love yous” as Alex walks him back out and she breaks down. Santa Pete hugs her when Shaun is incapable of doing it.

Shaun answers Bob’s phone, shocking Claire who finally learns their donor is stuck in quarantine too. All the patients in the ER, sort of unite with Viola and concede to what is happening. Upstairs, Andrews learns the virus started in Malaysia last week, but all the planes are grounded due to the snow storm. All they know about the virus is it is similar to SARS, but much faster moving. Bob Cravens is not infected and Melendez is willing to risk everything to go into the ER to get it but Andrews orders him to find another donor because no one or their bone marrow is leaving the ER.

Shaun sits down and tries to eat his lunch, but when there is a pickle on it, he throws the entire thing out. Tyler thought about letting his mom know, but she knows he loves her. Lim comes in, asking how things are going. He jokes that they were talking about Morgan’s college lesbian experience but Lim gets serious about his O2 stats and they need to change things.

Claire tells Chris about the match they found but it is only a 5 out of 8. Tyler is vomiting blood as Melendez says he needs a bone marrow or this infection is going to kill him within days, not weeks. He has lost count of hospital visits; just knowing his father shows up leaves him grateful and relieved. He is okay with this being the end and wants to sign a DNR. If they can manage to find the match with his father before he dies, then go for it, but asks Claire to get the form.

Lim encourages Morgan to let the nebulizer time to work; she quickly tells Morgan to get her mask back on because she is infected, showing her the rash on her arm. Tyler knows they aren’t any closer to figure it out, but on the bright side, he got Morgan. His stats go and Lim starts compressions.

Claire suggest they expand the quarantine, but Melendez feels there is no way Andrews would allow them to do that, but he tells her to wish him luck. Morgan helps with the compressions, even shocking him. Morgan refuses to give up but Lim orders her to stop and Morgan cries as Tyler is dead.

A patient complains, calling Shaun “Doogie” and not a real doctor as Alex’s son tells him to stop being a jerk. He demands more insulin; but Santa Pete tells Shaun he doesn’t feel so good and vomits all over the ignorant patient; both wondering if he has infected him, Shaun says it’s quite possible. Shaun says to Santa that his obstruction has returned and they need to operate right now; needing to improvise.

Lim tells Morgan and Shaun they will have to do this “combat style”, tying off each artery as they cut. Lim asks Morgan if she is ready, as they are. Morgan looks at Tyler’s body one more time, and says she will go get the patient; Shaun tells Lim to go lie down. As soon as Peter is out, they begin the surgery.

Melendez confronts the board about expanding the quarantine but stops mid-sentence when he sees Lim is infected. His phone rings and rushes off. Lim continues to guide Morgan and Shaun through the surgery, they find dead and perforated bowel. Nurse Petringa calls out for help in the ER and Lim tells him to go, leaving Morgan alone.

Chris’ vitals stop and Melendez disagrees with him signing the DNR; as Claire begins CPR. Shaun finds the patient who was vomited on. Shaun says he is a hypoglycemic shock. He looks up as the light continues to buzz. Alex’s son Callen begins to cough uncontrollably and Alex starts yelling his name when everyone backs away from him, Shaun holding his head.

Aaron is finally called back, convincing them to hand him his imaging saying he is on his way to see Dr. Blaize right now. Outside he opens it with Lea by his side. He sits down and says, “It’s back!”

Morgan works on Pete’s bowels, calling for suction. She needs to use her finger to plug the hole, she asks Dr. Lim for guidance but when she looks up, Lim is on the ground with no response. Alex is screaming for his son as no one pays attention to him. Shaun is freaking out over the sound but Callen is able to take his inhaler. Lea sits beside Aaron as Alex locks eyes with his son, who is now breathing but looks scared. Morgan watches Lim helplessly as Shaun curls int the fetal position in the middle of the ER hallways floor.
The episode begins with Shaun visualizing taking the bus as he lays on the floor with patients all screaming around; someone shouts that there is something wrong with him. Alex shouts for his son, Kellan who is having an asthma attack but his inhaler is empty. Morgan tells the nurse not to yell at Shaun as it will only make things worse, suggesting she tell him all about the surgery; which quickly calms him down as Shaun returns to their makeshift OR.

Neil Melendez and Claire are able to revive their patient, but she is worried they will lose their license for dismissing his rights. Neil says she won’t be held accountable as she was following her Attending’s orders. Alex is able to get into the ER to be by his son’s side, ensuring his son that this is only asthma. When patients demand more doctors, he orders everyone to shut up and realizes there is no time for him to wait for pharmacy to deliver a nebulizer for his son and creates one for him. Kellan is upset that he saw his father threaten to use the taser gun on the security guard.

Marcus Andrews talks to Morgan about treatment protocol; but she knows it didn’t help the other two patients, both hoping they got to Audrey Lim in time. He voices his concern about Shaun’s breakdown but gets angrier when he finds out Park is also in the quarantine area.

Aaron walks out and finds Lea still waiting. He knows he isn’t wrong about his cancer coming back, even though the tests will be forwarded to Dr. Marina Blaize. He tells her that he probably has a year or 14 months left and they are saying anything to Shaun.

Neil meets with the Andrews who doesn’t agree with his plan to expand the quarantine area, but Melendez is determined. Andrews suggests using the janitor closets, and the linen room as both have negative pressure in them. The plan seems viable to both of them. Meanwhile, Shaun is able to give an update on patients, who has plugs in his ears. Alex smashes the light that has been bugging Shaun’s ears and he is able to refocus. He reveals that Viola’s water broke, and they see her standing there holding her very pregnant belly.
Viola is having full contracts as Shaun says she is 36 weeks pregnant, she is worried about whether he is going to freak out again. Shaun talks statistics with her as Kellan wants to know if he always talks like that; Shaun says it is good, to be honest. Kellan wishes his dad was like that but Shaun defends Alex, saying he is always very honest with his opinions. Viola questions on whether Alex tells Kellan that he loves him as he admits his dad isn’t really there for them. Shaun says he risked his life and career for him, but Viola understands.

Morgan is startled when Lim apologizes for her loss and then tells her how to keep an eye on her. Lim says she loves this place and always said she would be doing this until the day she died; Morgan tries to reassure her that they got it in time, but Lim feels she forgot so much stuff to do, asking her to put her dead patient out of sight as it’s not a healthy reminder for either of them. Morgan realizes there is a tear in the mask and the virus might not be airborne after all.

Kellan tries to talk to Alex, who asks him if it is urgent; but when Kellan walks away, Alex talks to him. Alex said he moved away for the job as Kellan says he only came to one game of the entire baseball season and spent the day on the computer, wondering why he even bothered coming. One patient tends to another when Alex arrives, saying he is going to extract bone marrow and asks who can help him. One of the elderly female patients says she was a veterinarian and he says “blood is blood” and she can help.

Viola’s monitors are sounding, causing Shaun to believe she could have preeclampsia and about to have a seizure. Viola doesn’t want to deliver the baby in quarantine but Nurse Deena says the baby isn’t getting enough blood flow and they need to get him out; Shaun announces this is going to be her first baby and his. Morgan rushes to be by Lim’s side and begins intubation, her lungs are filling with fluid and secretion. Andrews tells her to put Lim on bypass as Morgan suggest doing echo and is sure Andrews can walk her through this.

Shaun knows Viola is dilated, but says her screaming is very loud. Shaun announces they cannot deliver the baby because they need to turn the baby. Deena says there is no way they are doing a c-section, but instead grabs the gel for them to rotate the baby internally. Lea sits with Aaron, wanting to know when they are going to tell Shaun; but he says telling him in the first place was a mistake as Aaron is Shaun’s mentor and it isn’t Shaun’s job to take care of him.

Melendez talks Alex through the bone marrow extraction on Bob, who feels he deserves some of this pain as he wasn’t around for his son, even when his ex was dying. Alex tells him that at least he is there now. Claire talks to Melendez that Chris is in hypotension crisis and he tells Alex to go as fast as he can with the withdrawal.

Shaun and Deena work on rotating the baby, while Viola squeezes Deena’s hand. Deena yells for Shaun to stop as they realize her placenta erupted and baby’s heart rate is dropping while she starts to bleed out. Shaun calls out for supplies and an OB to observe his first delivery.

Morgan begins the procedure on Audrey Lim as Shaun brings Viola over to the window where the OB is there to supervise the c-section from the other side of the glass door. She tells Shaun what to do, as he looks at Alex. He holds the scalpel and makes the incision confidently. Claire brings in Chris, telling Melendez that he is prepped and she is ready when they are. Melendez scrubs in and tells them to inform him the second they are ready for the drop.

Viola’s pressure is dropping, as both Deena and the OB begin to talk to him at once. Shaun becomes overwhelmed, telling everyone to be quiet as he needs to concentrate. He is able to see the baby’s head, but when he removes the baby, he isn’t breathing. Shaun begins to work on the baby, but Viola is bleeding out. Shaun works on the baby instead of Viola.

Lea continues to talk to Aaron feeling Shaun deserves to know. Aaron confronts Lea about toying with Shaun, saying he isn’t a hamster she can play with and then just forget to feed him. She says she will let this slide as she knows he is dying. Blaize calls Aaron, who walks out of the room to take the call.

Alex deposits the marrow in the laundry shoot and Melendez reveals it is intact and they are good to go. Bob suddenly complains about chest pain and they find him in cardiac arrest, learning the tip broke off his IV and it must be in his heart. Deena and the OB tell Shaun to immediately stop working on the baby and save the mother, but he feels they both can be saved, asking for surgical equipment. He retrieves Kellan to perform CPR on the newborn baby, reminding him not to press too hard as he will crush his heart.

Shaun works on placing a balloon into Viola to stop the bleeding, encouraging Kellan to keep going. Alex needs to crack open Bob’s chest, right in the janitor’s closet. Meanwhile, Chris receives the bone marrow with his vitals looking good.
Aaron returns to Lea, apologizing for what he said before. She learns the cancer isn’t back and thinks that is great. Aaron says he has meningitis and pretty much needs surgery immediately, saying he is still not telling Shaun. Lea tells him he is a lousy friend and mentor as they would tell the truth. She reminds Aaron that Shaun is not a child who needs protection, he is a smart, caring adult someone Aaron could use right now.

Shaun worries that the balloon isn’t working, but he continues and Viola’s vitals go back up. Shaun checks on the baby, realizing his lungs are filled with fluid and needs more medical equipment right away. Melendez calls Morgan, who learns how grave Audrey’s condition is. Morgan lets him see her, praising Morgan for taking care of her. Shaun explains to his mother that the baby has fecal matter in his lungs. Kellan is told if he hadn’t done what he did, chances are the baby would have suffocated by now.

Lea sits with Viola’s husband, as she comforts him telling him that this is how it used to be; reminding him that his grandfather didn’t love his father any less by sitting in the waiting room. Aaron orders them to be quiet as they suddenly hear a newborn baby cry as Aaron congratulates him on a new alarm clock. Everyone claps as Shaun holds the baby before he hands him to Viola, revealing her son is okay; Deena says it is a Christmas miracle.

Morgan runs off as Lim’s alarms sound and finds Audrey asking her for some water. She tells Morgan the echo was a ballsy move! Morgan smiles before Lim lays back down. Shaun walks through the ER and is able to clear most of the patients. Esther wants to check on someone upstairs anyways.

Claire and Melendez tell Chris it looks like remission is a real possibility; he wants to thank his dad too but learns that his dad had complications and his heart stopped, they were unable to revive him and he died. Esther comes to see Chris, saying she was with his father when he mentioned he had a lot of regrets but it meant a lot to Bob that he could help him. Chris begins to cry.

Alex finds Kellan revealing he didn’t fight harder for him and his mother is because Alex wasn’t a good person and father. He talks about his dad reminding him to always be like stone and never cry. It makes him stronger, which wasn’t always a good thing because he spent a life living behind a wall. He reveals that when he split up from Kellan’s mom made him feel like a failure and moving away helped him hide from that. He continues to fight his father’s voice, trying to silence it. He tells Kellan he loves him and always will. Kellan embraces his dad.

The hospital is finally open again and Morgan walks out, taking in the air and scene of dead bodies being taken by the CDC. The board leaves, including Andrews after a long night. Alex’s ex-wife was there to greet Kellan, Alex proudly sharing how amazing Kellan was helping with the delivery. Alex is happy to see Mia, but he reveals he lost a patient and allows Mia to embrace him, all three walking out together. Melendez comes to see Audrey, wishing her a “Merry Christmas”; both admitting they will never forget this one. He says the idea of her not being around was not okay with him. Lim says her bourbon days are behind her for a while, but he says he will wait.

Lea and Aaron catch up to Shaun, who is hungry and tired. Lea suggests they get breakfast which pleases Shaun but he wants to know how Aaron’s appointment went. Aaron tells him the truth, and surgery is scheduled for later that day. Shaun says that is good, as meningitis isn’t as bad as cancer and now that they know this; its meningitis that is causing the memory loss and he will be able to get his license back. Lea checks first, and Shaun agrees for “Glassy” to hug him; which they do and Aaron tells him he is proud of him.
The episode begins with the alarm going off and Shaun shutting it off. Alex Park checks on his sleeping son. Morgan tries to relax while Claire goes for a run. Lea cranks up her headphones and dances around the kitchen in her pajamas, which Shaun walks out to, scaring the crap out of her. She feels like a fool, wondering why he is up after going through hell, giving him multiple suggestions to relieve his stress and orders him to get out and do something, shoving him back in his room; saying she is right about this.

The hospital is being decontaminated while Marcus is dealing with a DSI review, which they say is to help restore public confidence. He reminds her the virus started in Malaysia and there is nothing his medical staff could have done to prevent the three deaths. She demands all medical records and staff communication from the moment the first outbreak patient arrived.

Shaun reluctantly avoids his medical books, holding a Rubik’s cube as Neil Melendez visits Audrey Lim, who is recovering and already working. She tells him he doesn’t need to play a supportive friend just because they slept together; admitting she prefers them to be competing then him being nice to her. Melendez doesn’t think that is fair, but she dismisses him, asking him to shut the door as he leaves.

Claire plays her guitar, singing until Morgan calls her, convincing her to join her for Mimosas; knowing what she is doing because of what it says on her dating profile. Kellan’s mother leaves, as he promises to call her every night, but before Mia gets in the car, Alex asks her to stay with them until Kellan flies out on Sunday, feeling it has been good and she could definitely use a
break. She declines and he wishes her a safe flight, suddenly saying she will take a later flight that night.

Shaun finds Aaron getting dressed and ready to leave but Shaun reminds him that Dr. Marina Blaize said he couldn’t leave for 2 days. Aaron is simply sick of being sick and insists he needs a break. Aaron says he is not quitting, but he just doesn’t have any idea, storming off and leaving Shaun alone in the room.

Shaun chases Aaron, saying he going with him but Aaron asks him if they are friends; Shaun believes they are and that Aaron has a lot of friends. He questions that since he had someone drive him around that he barely knows and doesn’t really like. He also wants to know why Lea doesn’t have any friends other than him, but Shaun defends her saying she has plenty of friends as she goes out all the time; Aaron finds her questionable. Their chat is interrupted when Lea calls Shaun, inviting him out for lunch; she invites Glassy too but he says he never wanted to come and isn’t hungry. He tells Shaun to go but when he refuses, Lea begs him saying he is her only friend; a wary Aaron says he would love to join them.

Morgan and Claire are drinking when Claire offers her condolences about Tyler as she is trying to be a decent human being. Morgan acts like Claire is the one with the problem and walks outside to take a call from her mom. Meanwhile, Alex and Mia are enjoying Kellan at the pitching range; both discuss their lack of dating and how they imagined getting back together, she says similar to being attacked by a great white shark; Alex says he gets it!

Marcus watches the DSI investigation being conducted, and is not given any updates; only advised to wait until the investigation is complete before releasing any findings. She is surprised to learn he only has a part-time chief of surgery; questioning his role that night as COS or President of the hospital. He says this way there is no miscommunication in making major decisions, but feels it is none of her business; she feels it is if it directly affects patients' care. He says these bureaucrats have no idea how a hospital runs nor what doctors and nurses do daily to provide optimum care for patients and she can tell the governor that for him!

Claire returns to the restaurant, saying she needs to go. Morgan wants her to stay to enjoy more mimosas but Claire says she needs to go help her mom who is being evicted; Morgan wants to help. She finally admits that Tyler’s death was upsetting. She can carry a lot and is great with moms, so Claire agrees for her to come along.

Marcus talks to Allegra about his recent conversation, learning that she agrees and was never a fan of his promotion. He doesn’t want to look like an indecisive fool but she suggests he might look like a man who made a mistake and has reconsidered; she leaves him to think about it.

Lea welcomes Aaron and Shaun to her work. Aaron wants to know if any of her co-workers are going to join us, she questions him as Aaron calls her "suspicious". She leaves them to get their food and to meet at their table.

Claire and Morgan help Breez empty everything up as Claire demands to know who else is living here since it was her money paying for it. Breez says it is none of their business and didn’t rip them off, she is just a little late on the rent. Breez reveals that she has had her ass beaten and is terrified he is going to do it again, so she needs to get out as quickly as possible; refusing to go to the cops.

Alex and Mia play mini golf, enjoying their time together. Mia wants to know what this woman has done that he isn’t serious about, but he doesn’t want to talk about it. Mia asks about Shaun as Alex says he is a bit immature but nice. Alex doesn’t want to talk about it, nor his personal life; so she pushes to know how he is doing. He just wants to relax and have fun as he reminds him this is exactly how they broke up. She admits she made a mistake, but they were broken long before that. She felt she couldn’t support someone when she knew nothing about anything as he left everything as a “need to know” basis.

Morgan finds an old paystub in the trash from a Karnell Hunter, but Claire doesn’t think it would be helpful. Morgan wants to confront him, but Claire says the guys her mom dates are psychos and since she doesn’t want to involve the police there is nothing they can do about it. Morgan reveals she was stalked in med school and carries a permitted weapon, showing Claire her gun. Morgan wants to send him a message as studies have shown that men are better visual learners.

Claire wants the key from Morgan, she locks the glove box. She tells Morgan to stop calling her “St. Claire” and isn’t really willing to face the fact that her mother is bipolar. In the meantime, Melendez returns to see Lim, saying he is getting angrier as he thinks about it. He blames her for...
inviting him out for drinks and then insisting on returning to his place for sex. Lim tells him he needs to project more and use his diaphragm if he wants the whole hospital to hear. He promises to never go out of his way to be nice to her again.

Lea tells Shaun that Aaron doesn’t like her, but doesn’t know why. She wants Shaun to help the situation but he needs her to help convince Aaron to start chemo. Lea is getting tired of people who act like she doesn’t understand; Aaron knows exactly how she feels. Aaron returns with only a drink because so many food options confused him. Lea tells them they all need to do something fun.

Alex’s day with his son and ex is not going well; Kellan returns to the arcade so his parents can talk it out. Alex suggests him and Mia should consider getting back together. He insists he respects her and wants her in his life to remind him of who he can be. She feels he is simply exhausted and lonely after such a traumatic event. He tells Mia he loves her and will do whatever she wants him to do. She thanks him, as she holds his hand, saying she loves him too but it is best if they keep moving forward with their lives; Alex is heartbroken.

Morgan and Claire find Karnell in a warehouse, they tell him he needs to listen to them and they are going to talk. He tells Morgan to get out of his face, as she questions if he is going to beat her ass. When he questions who they are, Claire reveals Breez Browne is her mother, informing him that she is moving out of the apartment and never wants to see him again. Morgan calls him a coward but he swears he would never lay his hands on a woman, especially Breez as she is the best thing to ever happen to him. He reveals he proposed to her and wants to know what Breez told him.

They find Breez and confront her, as she tells them it was not their place to interfere. Claire doesn’t understand how her mother felt disappearing into the night would have been easier for him but Breez confesses she doesn’t want to marry him, admitting he is one of the sweetest men she has ever met. She doesn’t know why she is trying to ghost him as Claire hugs her, worried.

Dr. Andrews is told by the DSI they have some findings. She says Dr. Audrey Lim nonconsensually dosed a man who wasn’t even a patient (unethical and a crime), Dr. Neil Melendez ignored a written DNR which is also a crime. They just reviewed a video revealing Dr. Shaun Murphy curled up in a fetal position. Marcus explains Shaun’s medical condition but she doesn’t care as it affected patient care and she will be recommending all 3 to the State Medical Board for suspension.

Lea brings Shaun and Aaron to electric spritz cars; she tells them they have driven on the highway and it is time to kick up the volume on their day off. Aaron and Shaun bicker about doing it, as Aaron feels Shaun does want to do it but is too worried about Aaron’s condition to do so. Aaron throws on his helmet and says he is in, Shaun joins them, while Lea just smiles at the two of them. Aaron and Lea take off immediately as Shaun is the cautious one.

At the hospital, Dr. Andrews inform Melendez and Lim about what happened. Mia enjoys watching Alex and Kellan play in the arcade as Shaun is more than 2 laps behind Lea and Aaron. Marcus talks to Allegra who seems frustrated and shocked as Breez talks to Karnell while Morgan and Claire watch from upstairs. Aaron is like a kid again in the car, laughing and racing with Lea, while Shaun continues to putter along. Suddenly Aaron loses focus and has a very worried look on his face; at the end, Lea and Shaun help Aaron step out. Aaron says he is better than fine… he is good! Lea hugs him as Aaron calls Shaun to catch up with them.

Marcus talks to the woman from DSI, saying he was unaware of what the doctors have done, saying practicing medicine requires doctors to make judgments, not just follow rules and because of that two human beings that should be dead are alive because of Lim and Melendez. They should be applauded for their job, she mocks him and claps, saying she will be notifying the state board of their findings and it will be up to them from there; leaving the bureaucrats out of it! Marcus promises to see her at the hearing.

Lim walks in her robe to Melendez’ office, where she admits she screwed up. She isn’t talking about the stupid investigation, she was talking about them. Since her divorce, she has always felt that no matter how real something feels it isn’t. She admits she has feelings for him, for a long time but it scares her. She doesn’t want their night together to be their last; he feels the same way but doesn’t think this is a good idea, especially since they will now be under a microscope. She suggests that as long as Andrews and no one else knows, he holds her hand as they share a good night.

Claire thanks Morgan, saying her being there helped. She knows Morgan isn’t clueless but
says if she ever needs someone to talk to she can come to Claire, as she did work at a battered women’s shelter. Morgan says it was a good day and now she will return the favor and have Claire meet her mom.

Aaron tells Shaun he has decided to speed up the chemo and Dr. Blaize will have to agree as he wants to have more days like today and Shaun has no excuse to not have them too. Aaron feels Lea is a good friend, who gets Shaun. Aaron learns that Lea made it very clear she only wants to be friends with Shaun; Aaron says he is a good man who deserves to be happy.

Alex helps Mia pack up the vehicle, thanking her for staying. She hugs him goodbye and drives off, leaving him standing alone but the car suddenly stops and Mia gets out, telling Alex he is right and they could slowly and cautiously test the waters. She will come back in a couple weeks to spend the weekend alone with him. She kisses him and leaves again; Kellan sees the whole thing, smiling with his dad.

Shaun returns home after spending time with Glassy. Shaun says he wants to try a beer, as he notices there is a beer on the table. She introduces him to Jake, telling Shaun not to wait up for her as she will be home late. Shaun stands in the middle of the room alone while Alex and Kellan thoroughly enjoy a movie together and Mia smiles at the thought. Outside the hospital, Audrey gets out of her wheelchair as Melendez picks her up; both smirking. Aaron enjoys his drink while Claire swipes through the dating app, seeing Morgan’s fake profile. Morgan meditates and smiles as Marcus sits worried in his office. Shaun sits on the couch and stares at Jake’s empty beer bottle on the table.
The episode begins with Shaun running into Jake in the apartment kitchen. He learns that Jake is just a cook as Shaun says Lea only dates drummers. Lea sends Jake back to her room and apologizes for not telling him, but Shaun likes Jake. Shaun tells her that he has to take Aaron Glassman to his chemo appointment and is "cool" with Jake spending more nights at the apartment.

Aaron is vomiting in a bucket when Shaun lets himself in. Aaron tells Shaun he is feeling better than yesterday, but when he takes a drink of his electrolytes; he insists he spat it out because he doesn’t like the grape flavor. Shaun pushes him to go or they are going to be late.

Alex gets a call from Mia but says he will call her back later. Claire hears him tell the person he loves them and asks if he has a new girlfriend. He reveals that he and Mia are going to give their relationship another shot as he is trying to be more open with Mia. Claire says she will be a supportive colleague no matter what happens.

Neil Melendez, Claire and Alex rush to the ED, where they have an elderly patient Sunny Lee. They seem to have a weird case as she is completely flat lined, but blood is still flowing to her extremities. Melendez figures out she doesn’t have rhythm because she has a mechanical heart.

Audrey Lim walks with Morgan and Shaun, informing them of their new case and the patient has autism; Morgan looks at Shaun so Lim wonders out loud why she would look at him because it’s not like they all know each other. Shaun says they should go with the ABM, but it is a minor procedure. Lana Moore doesn’t seem to be paying attention to what the doctors are saying as her friend, Javier keeps distracting her. Shaun dims the lights to calm Javi down.

Javier says suddenly he has to go, so Morgan chases after him. He says he has to leave exactly now so he can be home to watch Judge Judy and then go to work; Morgan feels he needs to stay at the hospital with his girlfriend for as long as possible. Javi says they are only roommates.
Alex reveals that he cannot find Sunny as a patient who was given a mechanical heart, her daughter Teresa Moon arrives and informs them her mother got the heart in Beijing 9 months earlier. She had a follow up last month and everything was fine. Melendez promises to find out if he can fix it. He finds Audrey in the elevator, but as he gets closer to her, she reminds him not to be stupid; the doors open and Marcus gets on reminding them that neither one of them can be Chief of Surgery because of the case against them and he prefers that they are getting along better.

Morgan and Shaun are doing imaging, where she questions if Shaun is jealous that Lea has a new boyfriend. He says he shouldn’t be as he likes Jake and it will be the three of them; Morgan tells him if Lea likes this guy she is going to want to spend time alone with Jake. He knows its for the sex. Imaging comes up for Lana and it doesn’t look good.

Melendez and Lim speak to someone in China, but can’t speak to the actual surgeon for at least another hour. Grace Lee arrives as Melendez reveals her mother is being taken care of and they are trying to get a hold of her mother’s doctor in China and she can get up to speed from her sister; Grace is confused, saying she doesn’t have a sister!

Teresa explains that they met 10 years earlier while volunteering at a seniors’ center and they hit it off; people assumed they were mother and daughter so she and Sunny just went along with it. Teresa is glad that Grace is there and has overcome her drug problem; which baffles Grace since her mother only caught her smoking pot once when she was a teenager. Teresa says then Grace has no excuse for not calling the last 15 years. Alex interrupts them, saying Beijing wants her and they will fly her out on a specialized airplane; both Grace and Teresa agree.

Morgan and Shaun talk to Lana, saying they need to open her up and cut it out; but when she doesn’t respond. Morgan asks Shaun to talk to her. He sharply tells her that just because he has autism doesn’t mean he can get through to her. Shaun crouches down and talks about insects like Lana likes, but gets no response. Javi returns with Lana’s food, saying she needs to eat but Morgan says she cannot. Lana tells Javi that she could die, but she needs the surgery so she will do it.

Shaun rapidly reads to Aaron but Aaron stops him, saying he doesn’t have to read the whole book in one night. Shaun questions him about how he is feeling but Aaron suggests he take out the garbage instead. He gets angry with Shaun who is frustrated over the recycling. He tells Shaun he doesn’t care about sorting it, he just asked him to take it out.

Morgan asked Lana if she is sore or uncomfortable. She fidgets her hand on the blanket, asking if they can lock the door and close the blinds as she wants Javi to come and have sex with her as an orgasm could calm her down.

Teresa is feeding Sunny when Grace walks in. Grace tells her mom she was so worried but Sunny said there was no need to because Teresa takes good care of her. Sunny feels Teresa through her whole life away, even her dad wanted her to be happy. Sunny says she was supposed to have a career as singing wasn’t one. Sunny continues to talk about Teresa and how she is a teacher as Alex wants Sunny to calm down, but she wishes Grace stayed away since she forgot about her. Sunny codes as the two young women look on horrified.

Lea and Jake are busy having sex when Shaun knocks at the door, saying he has picked out a movie they can all watch together. She says it is not the time, but he tells her that he made some popcorn and some orange juice for Jake. Lea tells Shaun he is not respecting boundaries. She says that they can all be friends, but she will need alone time with Jake. Lea asks Shaun to give them a minute and they can watch the movie together in the living room.

Lim and Morgan talk to Lana and Javi about the list of things they cannot do before her surgery, and she needs to abstain from sex until she is fully recovered. Javi shares that Lana doesn’t like to be touched when she sleeps and Lim tells them they don’t need to define their relationship to Morgan, but Lana needs some sleep as her procedure is at 10 am.

Alex says Sunny is on full life support and Dr. Melendez is talking the next steps with the surgeon in China. Teresa confronts Grace about her poor treatment of wonderful Sunny but Grace isn’t taking it, asking if a wonderful woman would miss all her daughter’s recitals and then when she is accepted to Julliard, she tells her she won’t make it and wind up broke and on the streets.

Shaun, Lim, and Morgan perform surgery on Lana as Lim feels it would be wonderful to have what Lana and Javi have, all the benefits without the emotional baggage. Morgan thinks the emotional baggage IS the relationship. Lim is unable to get to the ABM and any damage could...
destroy her ability to speak. Morgan’s idea is shot down as Shaun thinks if they have Lana speaking during surgery, they will know when they are close to her vocal. Lim thinks it is a great idea to have her awake during the surgery, especially if she has Javi there to help.

Alex sits with Grace, who only thought about how her lousy, bitter mother was going to die alone. She needed to be here for her mom to know she was loved despite of everything. Grace was shocked that her mother was capable of caring, warmth, and love; something that was never towards her. Alex is called into the room, as Melendez says they cannot wait for the new heart and have to go in and try to repair this one.

Melendez learns from China that they believe the heart has a broken blade and suggest they weld it back together as Alex thinks they can use glue. Claire comes up with the viable option of using the 3D printer, something that can last long enough for them to get the new heart from China.

Javier learns what they want from him but explains how bright lights are like needles in his eyes. He continues to play with his fingers as Shaun asks if he likes playing insect trivia with Lana. Morgan tells him to do this because he loves her and is a better person because of her. Javi says he doesn’t love her, she is his roommate.

In the OR, they realize there is nothing wrong with Sunny’s heart and it could be her aorta instead; Melendez tells them to bring x-ray down STAT.

Shaun returns to Aaron’s, upset to find out he is hooked up to an IV. Aaron says he called a nurse because Shaun is busy, but Shaun tells him he is trying to help him and if he listened to him, he wouldn’t need the IV. Aaron reveals he has a headache, and is pretty much in pain all the time; he doesn’t tell Shaun all his symptoms because then he would worry. Aaron says he can handle the pain and nausea. Shaun is desperate to help him but Aaron is not a compliant patient. Aaron shouts out to Shaun that he isn’t his doctor and he doesn’t want him there. Shaun says he doesn’t know how to help him as Aaron tells him to stop trying as he cannot help!

Lea sits with a devastated Shaun, explaining that Aaron is in pain and frustrated, taking it out on him. Lea tells him that he needs to accept the fact that he cannot help Aaron. Shaun thanks Lea, saying his life is better with her and she says the same thing back as Shaun’s eyes tear up.

Claire pushes through the aorta and there is a narrowing, which they feel they can replace with a graft. Shaun shows pictures to Lana, and at first, she answers but then Lim walks to her side and tells her that she needs to keep talking or she may never speak again. An OR nurse walks in, saying Javi insists on being there; which gives Lim and Morgan hope.

Grace and Teresa sit in the waiting room when Alex comes in, saying the surgery was a success and they can see Sunny when she wakes up. Teresa thanks him as he goes to sit with Grace, reminding her that just because she was great with Teresa doesn’t mean she loves Grace any less. Grace tells him the second her mother saw her, she was giving her the same crap. Alex says the first thing Sunny said to her was, “You look pretty!”

Javi is able to keep Lana talking for a few seconds, but then she starts bunching up the blanket in her hands. Javi passes and then starts insect trivia with her; Lim encourages them to keep going.

Sunny wakes up and Alex tells her everything looks great. Teresa tells Sunny that Grace is outside and she should talk to her as Grace is her daughter. Grace asks Teresa to stay as she tells her mother there hasn’t been a day that she hasn’t missed her. She is sorry for everything but when she is about to walk out Sunny says she sat in the back, knowing the song she sang and how beautiful it was; making her cry. Grace takes her mother’s hand and they share a special moment as Teresa squeezes the other one. Alex leaves with a smile.

Lana walks up from her surgery and after a couple seconds, she tells them, of course, she remembers her name and that he is Javi. Javier says that he thinks he loves her, she takes his hand, asking if he wants to stay in bed with her after they have sex; Javi says no.

Shaun listens as Lea has fun with Jake. He puts his book down, grabs his headphones and tries to return to reading but instead goes to Aaron’s house. Shaun says he isn’t there to help but sees an empty bed, finding Aaron passed out on the bathroom floor beside the toilet. Shaun sits beside him and lets Aaron lean on him. Aaron says, “Thank you!”
Faces

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Summary: Dr. Andrews tries to convince a grieving family to donate their teenage daughters face to another young girl whose face was horribly disfigured in an accident.

Dr. Shaun Murphy took time away from work to look after his friend/foster-father. Of course, Glassman didn’t appreciate having a babysitter. He tried to convince Shaun to go back to work and when it didn’t work he planned on just living out his day as best as he could. Its why he turned to his little friend called Mary Jane. He was prescribed medicinal marijuana and had to explain himself before Shaun would even allow him to take it. Glassman was a lot more relaxed once he took his prescription and he let Shaun have some. Shaun wasn’t needed at work and he wanted to know what it was like to be on them because he heard that they helped someone who desperately needed them. And so he wanted to test them as part of the experiment.

Shaun wasn’t expecting to have munchies as anybody else would. He was fine one moment and then craving the open can of peas in the fridge the next, but Glassman stopped him from eating what was most likely expired food. He diverted Shaun’s attention by telling him about Mallomars. Glassman told him that there pieces of ooeey gooey chocolate goodness and got Shaun interested in trying out those as well. Though taking an Uber for their Munchie Quest was turning out to be expensive and so their driver put her foot down. She told them that she could take them back home and get the pizza. They didn’t want pizza and so she asked them what is that they do want. Shaun wanted pancakes and Glassman just didn’t want to go home at all.

Shaun was too high to ask why and so the driver did it for him. She asked Glassman why he didn’t want to go home and the former doctor admitted that he has a secret crush on a girl he met at high school. He revealed that eating Mallomars reminds him of her and so his quest for true love interested the driver. She decided to take pity on Glassman and she helped him go down
memory lane in search of a woman he hadn’t seen in decades. Meanwhile, back at the hospital, things were a little bleaker. There had been a nasty accident involved Shannon Tindle and her daughter Karin. Karin was only fourteen and had been asleep in the back of the car when their vehicle was hit by another.

Shannon walked away with a few scrapes and it had been her daughter that got all the injuries. Karin’s heart and brain both needed assistance. The doctors had to decide on which to fix first and they chose the heart, but by the time they began surgery, her brain had lost all function. She was brain dead and it was devastating for her mother. The poor woman lost her husband three years ago and now she’s lost her baby. But the doctors knew that Karin’s death could mean so much power to people on the donor’s list and so Dr. Andrews approached the grieving mother. He told her how Karin was the perfect fit for another young girl who needed a face implant and at first Shannon didn’t like that idea because she didn’t want to see her dead daughter’s face on someone else.

Then she met the girl in question. Molly was funny, sarcastic, and she’s had to deal with a lot since she lost most of her bone and facial tissue in an accident of her own. She deserved a normal life and she wasn’t going to get another opportunity if Shannon persisted in rejecting a face implant. So Shannon changed her mind. She decided to let go of her daughter and give someone else’s child a chance. Karin’s face was later removed and Karin was allowed to die. The face was then taken to Molly’s surgery that Andrews warned it would take hours. They had to begin reattaching facial nerves and things that Molly had lost before and would have to get used to. And so this very complicated surgery didn’t need her doctors falling apart.

Dr. Lim and Dr. Mendez had argued about Karin. Mendez chose to follow Lim’s suggestions by focusing on the heart and Lim believes he only did so because they were sleeping together. She also came to resent how much Mendez was reassuring her that what happened to Karin wasn’t her fault because that made her believe that he secretly did blame her. Lim and Mendez got into an argument about whether he would have stuck with the same decision if they weren’t together and the answer was never going to be what Lim wanted it to be. She blames herself and so she lashed out at her pseudo-boyfriend because it was easy. And so the doctors had been benched for parts of Molly’s surgery until they could approve they can work together.

Afterward, though, it had all been worth it. Molly’s surgery had been a success and she woke up to a face she didn’t feel ashamed of. She also got to find out more about Karin’s life. Karin’s mother Shannon had stuck around and she bonded with Molly’s parents. Molly’s parents blamed themselves for what happened to Molly because they didn’t keep a closer eye on their gun and one day Molly had gotten to it without their knowledge. The daughter lived and so they knew they should have been grateful, but it was hard not to blame themselves for what happened when they feel that as her parents they should have been the ones protecting her. And in admitting that, the parents were able to help Shannon through her own guilt because she thought she was to blame for Karin’s death.

The truth was there is no blame. What happened was an accident and so Shannon soon handed over a few photos of her Karin that Molly asked for. Molly understood the sacrifice that got her face and, in being remembered, Karin got live on.

Now the boys trip to track down a lost love hadn’t ended how they planned because they had to drive several states away to see this crush, but Glassman finally got the chance to apologise to his first love. She had been all he ever wanted and he wrote something nasty in her yearbook as punishment for not liking him back. It had taken time and maturity for Glassman to realize that he had been wrong. So he finally delivered that apology that he’s been holding in all these years and needed drugs as well as a tenacious driver to work through.
**Risk and Reward**

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Shaun and the team work on a newborn with a bowel obstruction. The new chief, Jackson Han, scrubs in with them. After the surgery, Han introduces himself to Neil. He promised a patient the two would scrub in together on a surgery. Neil is annoyed.

Aaron arrives at chemo and meets a young man who is receiving treatment next to him.

Neil meets with a successful patient for the chief who tells him he is in good health. The man wants a full work up. His dad was also healthy until he dropped dead on his daily jog. During his assessment, they find what they believe is a tumor.

The parents of the newborn approach Shaun. They don’t know why their baby has all of these defects. The mother thinks it is because she took a prescription for depression for the first 6 weeks of her pregnancy. Shaun tells her that could be the cause.

Neil breaks the news to the patient that he has a tumor that could be cancer. The man tells him he isn’t going to panic yet.

The chief approaches Shaun angry about his talk with the parents. Meanwhile, Aaron gets sick at chemo while his new friend tries to talk to him.

The chief comes to see Neil who is trying to do a practice run on tumor removal for his patient. He hits a nerve in the simulator. He is nervous to perform the biopsy. It is too dangerous. Later, he tells the patient who wants to think about it.

Chang tells Shaun he may want to be quiet around Han for a while. They hear code blue in the NICU and run there. After getting the baby on the support they all meet to discuss what they can do. Shaun comes up with a viable heart repair option but Chang reminds them that the baby still has abdominal problems.
Aaron arrives at another day of chemo. His friend is back but the lady who normally sits to his right hasn’t arrived. It makes him think after the man mentions she could be dead.

Neil tells his patient he thinks he shouldn’t have the biopsy. Meanwhile, Chang and Han tell the parents of the newborn that if they fix her heart they most likely cannot fix her stomach. She would starve to death. They could shut off her machines and let her die peacefully and quickly. The parents argue about what is right.

Lim and Han meet with Marcus. The parents will have a judge decide what to do with the baby since they cannot. The judge wants a recommendation.

Shaun meets with Aaron who talks about the kid at chemo who wants to be everybody’s friend. Shaun vents about Han and what he should do.

Han and the team will move forward with the surgery on the baby. They tell the parents. The dad isn’t happy.

Han and the team start surgery on the baby. Lim thinks she may have an idea to fix the abdomen. Meanwhile, Neil is in surgery on his patient when he sees he cannot access the tumor. He decides to go in from the back. Shaun’s heart plan doesn’t work in surgery. They manage to fix the abdomen but end up at square one. They tell the parents who are willing to see them try again.

The team enters into surgery, working on the newborn. Shaun has a thought that they need to check the valve and it would reduce the pressure on her lungs.

Aaron arrives at chemo and decides to socialize with the other cancer patients. They play cards and talk.

Neil checks with his patient when he wakes. He tells him he did get the tumor after getting past a nerve. He will walk with a limp.

The newborn comes through the surgery successfully. The team watches as the parents hold her smiling.

Neil throws out the biopsy report on his patient, telling the others he cannot put the tumor back. Han tells Shaun he is moving him to pathology. He doesn’t great work but he has communication issues. Shaun isn’t happy.
Believe

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Guest Stars: Jasika Nicole (Dr. Carly Lever), Spencer Garrett (Pastor Clarence), Sheila Kelley (Debbie Wexler), Kelsey Crane (Sadie Barnes), Natasha Calis (Jess Barnes), Karin Konoval (Nurse Deena Petringa), Ellina Luk (Nurse Dalisay Villanueva), Daniel Dae Kim (Dr. Jackson Han)
Summary: The new chief of surgery, Dr. Jackson Han, believes Dr. Shaun Murphy is a liability and works to keep him out of the operating room permanently.

The episode begins with Shaun dressing for work, and surprised that Lea making him "fresh start" pancakes; but he doesn't want to be on Pathology, he wants to be in surgery. At the hospital, Melendez, Morgan and Claire come to see their patient, Pastor Clarence, who needs to have a 2-part process of surgery and then chemo afterward. He feels he needs the pain and only wants them to remove the tumor. He explains that he did something unforgivable and this pain is his punishment; admitting he killed someone.

Dr. Aaron Glassman rings the bell at the treatment center, tips his hat as everyone claps. Alex and Lim meet with Sadie Barnes and her sister, Jess, revealing Sadie has a bad headache after a huge climb; Lim suggests she does her high altitude climbs slower and drink more; but Sadie insists she had a premonition and is sure she is going to die; Lim orders tests.

Shaun is prepping in the change room, putting away the plastic scalpel he got from his brother before he walks into the lab. He is greeted by Carly who welcomes him to pathology, quickly giving him a tour of the lab. He gets excited when she tells him they are the detectives as the surgeons are just the beat cops. He tries to get used to his new surroundings.

Morgan and Claire discuss with Melendez that Clarence didn't murder anyone as it was a parishioner he was counseling who killed themselves. Claire wants to override his wishes because he is being stupid because it is his tumor talking. Morgan scoffs at her suggesting she can educate him so Melendez says it is a good idea that she makes him understand he can die on the table too.

Sadie undergoes her MRI, as Lim explains to Park that if they run this test they can send her home reassured that nothing is wrong; but that all changes when the scans come back and
they spot an advanced tumor that grows in the tissue that covers the brain. The tumor appears to be malignant and aggressive; the best Lim can offer is palliative care, symptom control with medications. Both sisters cry as they learn it is inoperable.

Claire questions Clarence about whether he believes all people who are sick are being punished, asking if he would like to go see the 8-year old girl down the hall who has lung cancer and tell her she is sick because God hates her. He says she is not suffering as a punishment but so others may have a chance to show her mercy, to show her compassion so she can inspire. Claire doesn’t think it is that simple and Clarence opens up more about Michael and how his wife found his body. He admits he didn’t take Michael’s call because he was having a drink.

Park comes to see Shaun and Carly with a specimen delivery, using it as an excuse to see if Shaun is happy in the lab because if he isn’t, he needs to tell Dr. Jackson Han how he feels and prove that he believes in himself. Shaun suddenly wants to take a break and leaves to go for a walk as Lim and Han agree that Shaun shouldn’t be in pathology as he is a good surgical resident. Han believes he will be great in pathology as he would never make a great surgeon; she questions him on them knowing Shaun better than him. Han feels that might be the whole problem as Shaun could be an asset in pathology and even like it there. When asked if he cares, Han says he thought Lim might!

Melendez is telling Morgan and Claire how to proceed with the surgery, but when they realize they need more exposure, his vitals tank and they have to abort immediately. Claire stops Clarence from pulling out his needles as he is furious they fixed him since he is no longer in pain. Claire informs him that there was a complication, but it will wear off. He went into shock during surgery and they couldn’t remove the tumor. He wants them to try again as they know what the issues are and they have learned. His wife wants to know if Clarence thinks that God wants him to die.

Carly says the cause of death on the Atlin case was cyanide poisoning; she found it by smelling olives. Shaun finds the diagnosis they found for Sadie doesn’t match what he found in the sample and wants to tell Lim, but Carly says he isn’t supposed to be running with it since once a test is done they move onto the next one. Shaun wants to take a walk, but she knows what he is going to do; saying they investigate, report and then move on. He promises to try that — next time and bolts out the door.

Claire comes to see Han, who says he has heard a lot about her, including her standing up to a supervisor. She has a list of cases that Shaun put together and feels he might be biased because of his condition. He knows he has autism, and simply found a place for Shaun where he can save lives. He informs Claire that he has mixed feelings about loyalty, but she leaves the binder on his desk before she walks out.

Aaron goes to see Debbie, asking her out. He says he is free every night next week and would like to take her out but she tells him that she is seeing someone. He says that is nothing to be sorry about and it was good to see her.

Melendez talks with Claire and Morgan while they are back in surgery; talking about their religious views, or lack thereof. They are able to remove the tumor but it is measuring half the size as it was on the scan and no one has an explanation, feeling it is impossible to do that.

Lim finds Shaun in radiology, who says he doesn’t agree with Sadie’s diagnosis. He is reviewing the scans showing her the scan and Lim promises to bring his concerns up but advises him not to approach Dr. Han. He learns that Lim would tell Claire to talk to Han because she makes the right decisions when communicating. When asked, Lim admits she doesn’t agree with Han putting him in pathology.

Claire, Morgan, and Melendez are confused as Melendez says every time he reads a case on tumor regression, he is positive the surgeon missed something. He wants them to test anything they can, but have no clue what to do next because if they don’t know what is making him better they can’t do anything. Melendez suggests they monitor him closely and make sure he does the exact same thing every day.

Aaron arrives at Paige and Shaun’s place, where he finds Shaun is alphabetizing their canned goods and checking the expire dates. He confesses his frustration about not being able to talk to patients and he wants to fix people. Aaron says he cannot help him, even if he was running the hospital, it is irrelevant as Shaun needs to stand up for himself and if he can’t, then the new Chief of Surgery is right; or Shaun needs to show him.

The next day, Shaun finds out the room Sadie is in but says he isn’t allowed to speak to her,
he is in fact, looking for her sister, Jess. Han catches him snooping through Sadie’s purse and demands to know what he is doing. He takes Shaun to his office, confronting him about what he was doing. He demands that Shaun stays away from patients, their families and anything they own or he will be forced to fire Shaun. Shaun tells Han about Sadie’s social media and that she might have a worm, not a tumor; he feels it is a great idea, but it is a long shot and would get her hopes up.

Morgan and Claire tell Clarence his surgery was a success and without complication. He asks about chemo but they want to run follow up tests and all the medication he is taking. Morgan says the surgery is better than they hoped but it seems the cancer is going away on its own, but they believe there is a medical explanation for it.

Debbie comes to see Aaron at home, admitting she lied about seeing someone. She feels they are not a good match, but he says that isn’t true and wants to know what this is. He tells her to be truthful completely. She reminds him that the last time he fell when they were headed up to bed and he pushed her away. She knows he was sick, but he insists he is better and wants to celebrate with only her. She feels they have fun and likes being with him but bad things will happen as one of them will get sick and need to be taken care of. She thinks he is naive in his thinking; apologizing and glad he is finished with chemo. Aaron watches her leave with disappointment on his face.

Morgan tells Clarence they can’t find a scientific reason for his cure as Claire says there is no reason they shouldn’t proceed with the fusion to eliminate his pain. He thinks there has to be more tests, or find more test. Claire quotes the Bible, saying she isn’t a believer and she isn’t sure he is one either. She tells him people get cancer all the time and pain is part of that but having cancer disappear without a rational explanation is unique. The issue here isn’t God, it is his to forgive himself as what he did cannot be undone but his pain can be gone. His wife encourages him, saying his pain doesn’t do anyone any good. He agrees to the treatment.

Back in the OR, Claire refuses to divulge any information about her religious life and family; Claire does admit that leaving religion was like losing a loved one, causing Morgan to pause. In the lab, Han, Shaun, and Lim review Sadie’s biopsy results. Han tells them to follow him to Sadie’s room, where Park is standing. He informs their patient that she doesn’t have cancer but rather a worm in her brain, which may sound gross, but completely curable. Han says it was Dr. Murphy who saved her, but he refuses to allow Sadie to hug her. Han thanks Shaun for taking the leap most doctors wouldn’t and tells him to take the evening off as he earned it.

Shaun stands up for himself, telling Han he doesn’t want to go on walks nor does he want to leave cases after the tests are done. He doesn’t want to be a Pathologist, insisting Han makes him a surgical resident again. He appreciates him saying that and was wondering if he had it in him to advocate for himself. Han says that what Shaun did today was tremendous but what he did today only proved him right. His weaknesses and skills are equal and he could be a great pathologist as he should think of all the Sadie’s out there waiting for Shaun to save them; Lim witnesses the exchange.

Morgan and Claire say the surgery went well and Clarence’s spine will heal. He is scared that he disobeyed God, but Claire tells him to have faith as he had a miracle that helped him through the dark times. Shaun is up on the observation deck as they perform surgery on Sadie, holding the toy scalpel his brother gave him.
The episode begins with Lea returning to the apartment, finding Shaun pouring OJ and revealing he never went to bed. He tells her, he doesn’t want to be a pathologist so Lea reminds him he is still a doctor but simply in a lab instead of an operating room. He decides to walk to work, shouting that Lea doesn’t understand him, just like Dr Han and he is going to figure out how to change his mind.

Dr Neil Melendez and Dr. Audrey Lim share a few kisses in the car, which abruptly comes to an end when he honks the horn. She reminds him not to smile at her when they are at work; she quickly jumps back into the car when she spots Shaun at the corner; ordering Melendez to drive before they are seen.

At the hospital, Allegra holds a press conference for the patient, Kenny; he has Claire and Alex on either side of him. They will not have to pay for the surgery as Allegra thanks him for allowing them to use his case for special education. Melendez stands up to the microphone as Kenny allows them to roll his blankets back, showing his tumor is over 100lbs and now they have figured out a way to remove the tumor in one piece and give Kenny his life back.

Dr. Han meets with the group who are going to judge his doctors. They try to make it very casual, as Han says being judged is very scary, but reveals he got rid of their horrible lawyer and got a private investigator to check the judging panel out. He taunts them that he might not find anything bad, but rather something embarrassing. Han hopes they will work out a compromise with him over his doctors.
Lim tells her patient's mother that surgery went well and they were able to remove the tumor without any complications. She can't confirm when they can leave but will have better knowledge when she gets the results from pathology, post-op. She quickly hugs Laura before leaving for another patient. Carly, in the meantime, reminds Shaun why they are in pathology when Lim returns to see if they could expedite the results. Carly stops Lim, saying she would rather not know what she thinks and will wait for the results. Lim questions Shaun about seeing him this morning on the street, revealing he walked to work. He thinks for a moment but doesn't give her an answer. Carly says they can't investigate results and reminisce about the past at the same time so Lim excuses herself.

Aaron sits with Dr. Marina Blaize as they wait for his latest results. She feels helpless as he feels stressed. She encourages him to embrace his feelings right now, but if there is anything he needs from her, he has her private number. He wants to thank her personally, but she feels it is not necessary; they bicker about her having to control everything.

Claire orders 60 units of blood from Carly, revealing the procedure they are going to do on Kenny. Shaun gives her some ideas and wants to do some research, but Claire tells him Melendez put together a big team and they have everything they need. Lim finds Melendez, telling him that Shaun saw them and they need to get in front of this. Melendez feels they should find out exactly what Shaun saw; suggesting he will talk to Shaun himself. A nurse comes over and informs them that Dr. Han wants to see them both.

In Dr. Han's officer, Melendez is about to spill the truth when Shaun informs him they are not being suspended but the hospital will pay a fine and they will need to attend some classes. Shaun asks if this means he can be back on the surgical team, with Lim defending Shaun, reminding Han that he convinced the board that Shaun is competent. Han only issues them a "you're welcome!"

Carly tells Shaun they have found a big problem with their tiny patient there is a trace a bleed in her scalp and the only way she could have gotten that is by someone shaking her hard. Shaun says it's from someone abusing her! Lim insists Laura would have never done that to her baby, as her friend is doing this all herself, even using a donor to conceive. Lim refuses Carly calling CPS, saying she wants to do an MRI before they ruin Laura's life; Lim is offended questioning whether Lim would cover up child abuse. Shaun is denied doing the MRI and Lim tells her to call someone else to do it.

Melendez finds Shaun in the lunchroom, saying he doesn't have a girlfriend and Shaun confirms this is consistent in what he has seen in his life; Melendez is happy to see that Shaun said "yes". Claire vents to Morgan and Alex, who are busy performing Kenny's scans. She wants to stage a walkout but Morgan doesn't think there should be any feelings, charity nor loyalty to this; that Han has to build from the best team they have. Alex stops them, saying the scan isn't good as Claire says they need to page Melendez.

Lim informs Laura about ordering the other tests, questioning if she ever left her baby in someone else's care even to take a bath. Laura insists that raising a baby after all this time of wanting her, she doesn't get tired. She says when you love someone this much; the tests have to be wrong. Lim questions her ever being tired.

Kenny doesn't care how risky it is, as he would rather die than continue living with this live tick sucking the life out of him. Melendez says as long as his heart works, he will stay healthy and they can control the pain. Kenny doesn't want a pain solution, he wants to be cured and have his life back. He is upset that they are now telling him there is no hope. He thanks them for everything they tried to do as the doctors look hopelessly at each other.

Shaun and Lea have dinner together as Shaun talks about the baby abuse; Lea refers to him as a detective in a murder mystery; except the baby isn't dead. He says Carly said the same thing, she likes solving medical mysteries and treats him well, feeling they make a good team. Lea says if that is the case, maybe Pathology will work for him. Lim and Neil have dinner, where he feels since they will be working together they should expose their relationship. Lim feels they wouldn't be having this conversation if they didn't feel Shaun was about to expose them; which makes her think they are not ready to have this conversation. They understand each other, but Lim doesn't feel they should care what people at work think but maybe they should talk to Andrews.

Aaron is still waiting for his food, venting to the staff that he is tired of waiting for his food. He begins to shout at the kitchen staff, but quickly apologizes, asking them to carry on and returns to his seat. Claire talks to Alex about Morgan always trying to "one-up" them. He believes Claire
should not take it personally as that is who Morgan is. As they sit there, Claire seems to get an idea but back at the hospital, Han tells Morgan he sees her, which he is sure that was her primary objective. He tells her to go home as there is nothing they can do for Kenny and she will have new patients tomorrow. Suddenly, Claire and Alex rush in with an idea.

Claire explains the plan to Kenny on how they can do this without him bleeding out; he quickly agrees without even hearing the rest as he wants it done as soon as possible. Lim returns to Laura’s room with CPS, saying the secondary results match the first and Laura is ordered to come with them. Claire pleads with her, saying they are friends and she would never hurt her baby.

In the OR, Melendez guides Claire on how to do things but as soon as Han tells her she did a good job, the stats alarm and they are told to keep the levels steady or it will destroy his kidneys. Han says they have saved the operation, but now they only have half the time to do it.

Aaron finds Marina, who isn't putting a rush on his results because he doesn't need it. She reminds him that the finish line is in sight and all he has to do is just run through the tape. She promises to talk more after this patient, even suggesting to give him something for the anxiety, but she feels he has got this!

The procedure continues as Kenny already lost 8 1/3 liters of blood; Shaun says the average human body only holds 5 liters. From the observation room, Shaun realizes they should have checked for a breakdown; he isn’t talking about Kenny and rushes back to the lab, saying they need to test the baby’s samples again as it may not be child abuse.

The team stop trying to flip Kenny over, as his heart rate begins to spike, they are able to turn him and he is stable, but he crashes again, with his body going into shock. They quickly assess the situation and he has a high white blood count as Han tells them to start antibiotics. Claire says they need to abort and Han agrees, saying they are not giving up, they are trying to save a feeble patient. Melendez says they need to get Shaun in here, who has a special talent when it comes to blood flow problems. Melendez calls to page Murphy but Han tells him to stop wasting time. They can remove the half of the tumor they already cut and Kenny can live to see another day.

Carly shows Lim their results and the baby wasn’t abused, it came from the suction during birth. Claire barges in and tells Shaun they need him in the OR. He visualizes what is happening and says they don’t have enough time as it is too complex to remove the tumor completely without killing the patient but tells them how to do it without killing him and finishing the operation; Claire steps up and sides with Shaun. Han thanks him for the consult and they return to Kenny’s surgery as Shaun feels left out on the sidelines.

Aaron learns there is no residual of a tumor detected, with Blaize giving him the results and they need to do an MRI in 6 months, but he is in the clear. Aaron tears up and presents her with a gift, even after she said no. She calls him a son of a bitch as she finds a baseball, saying he caught that ball along the 3rd baseline on his 13th birthday. His father forced him to get the entire team to sign it, but that is all he has to remember that awesome day and he wanted her to have something that mattered to him. She tries to refuse but he says she can take it, leaving before she protests again. She says cancer changes people, patients telling her that their lives are better after. Aaron says those people are idiots but she asks him if he would have thought of such a special gift 11 months ago?

Kenny’s procedure continues, with the team following what Shaun said; Melendez gives Han the scissors, asking him to do the honors; they lift the tumor away from Kenny’s body, with the team nodding to each other and the rest of the staff clapping from above; except for Shaun.

Lim apologizes to Laura, saying she should have trusted her. Laura says it wasn’t her fault that she is the way she is because she doesn’t understand the love a mother feels because she has never allowed herself to be vulnerable; always expecting the worst of people as that is all she sees in herself. This leaves Lim wondering about things.

Kenny says he has never felt so much pain but his prognosis is excellent. He jokes about taking the tumor home in a glass bottle. Lim tells Melendez to shut up, as he questions if she really wants to do this. Together they go to Andrews’ office.

Shaun comes to see Dr. Han, saying he saved the patient and he deserves to be a surgeon and wants his old job back as he is making a mistake. Han says it seems he is doing well in pathology, saving two patients recently and if he continues they will be able to build to him having more
responsibility. Shaun refuses, repeating that he is a surgeon and sits at Han’s desk, refusing to leave the office until he reinstates him. Han wonders if Shaun thinks it is a good idea to bully him as Shaun is proving his point by acting immature, can’t communicate and showing poor emotion.

Shaun repeats that he is a surgeon as Han says he has a talent he admires and he is going to give him one last chance to maintain his dignity. Shaun stands up shouting that he is a surgeon as Han says he will have to leave his office because if he calls security he will also have to fire Shaun. Shaun screams that he is a surgeon and takes off his badge.

He is completely shaken in the locker room, dumping everything on the floor. Shaun picks all his things up and angrily holds the scalpel his brother gave him. He breaks it and slumps to the floor where Claire finds him and helps put all his things away. She sits close to him, just sitting in silence with him. Shaun walks out into the rain and leaves, stopping to look back at the hospital.
The episode begins with Shaun sitting at a bar, asking one of the patrons why he is sad, considering he is drinking at 10 in the morning. He says that Lea is fun, but this man orders Shaun to “shut up”. Shaun stands up and says if he has something to say, he will say it; the man shoves him to the ground and orders him to shut up. Shaun insists he is a surgeon, and when the man hits him again, he collapses on the floor with blood pouring out of his head.

At the hospital, Lim and Melendez meet with hospital administration about their relationship; but are told they it is okay since one doesn’t work above the other. Meanwhile, Zack Cordell, the one who assaulted Shaun is brought into the ED, where Shaun has told them what he believes happened. Claire tells him to come into the hospital and explain what happened; Shaun comes in once Claire reminds him that he is still a doctor. Dr. Lim comes to tell Melendez about her meeting, revealing they are approved and share a kiss in front of everyone.

Morgan and Alex meet their new patient, who suggests it is okay for Morgan to be gay and get married but she avoids any further discussion saying Alex is married but his family lives in another state. Morgan wants to do another ultrasound as it looks like their patient has an infection; Park hopes it will only be one more day with them.

Marcus Andrews is concerned about how Dr. Han dealt with Shaun, but he feels that Shaun has never been given responsibility; just things to do with someone always behind him and when Han challenged him for the first time, he failed miserably.

Claire sits with Shaun, reminding him that when bad things happen, they have to remember that moment isn’t what defines them. Shaun reiterates that he wants to be a surgeon. Claire admits she wants her life to matter, have fun and fall in love. Shaun feels he would be a good father and she agrees, but he confesses he doesn’t know how to fall in love.

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**Trampoline**

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Summary: As a barroom fight sends Dr. Shaun Murphy to seek treatment at St. Bonaventure’s, Dr. Alex Park and Dr. Audrey Lim disagree over an elderly woman’s post-operative symptoms.
Shaun returns the next morning, bringing Claire chocolates and a stapler which represents flowers. Shaun continues to try to compliment her and they work together on his personal skills. She encourages him to say the words, but he feels noises will be distracting and she could say no if he asked. Claire says that someone will say "yes"; he will fall in love but his heart will be broken and he will fall in love again. He has been hurt, survived and gotten stronger and better. He insists it hasn't gotten better.

Aaron finds Debbie, refusing a coffee. He says he is having a great day as he is officially cancer free. She gives him a free coffee and presents her with a model car, one like the one they never got to see at the car show they didn't make it to. Aaron wants to commit when he presents her with an engagement ring. She says this is definitely bold but it is also stupid.

Alex and Morgan do the ultrasound as she continues to give Alex advice about having another child. She suddenly can't feel her fingers. Meanwhile, Shaun tells Carly he is glad to not be back in Pathology, as Claire feels their patient may have hit his head; but Shaun is caught in a lie, saying he didn't find the man unconscious. Claire demands to know what the man did to him and why is he lying about this. He says if the patient isn't intoxicated they need to do more testing.

Shaun is in the bathroom, checking the bruising he has on his upper torso, suddenly coughing. Shaun brings a sample to Carly, asking her to run tests on it, revealing the patient is coughing up blood. He looks terrified as Carly promises to speed up the testing.

Morgan is furious that their patient is faking. She admits she can feel her fingers but they are tingling; Alex says that is just symptoms of old age. She talks about how her daughter had leukemia and that it was pointless and cruel to let her live, but she said it wasn't the doctor's little girl that died. She didn't feel it was a miracle, but her daughter is alive simply because she didn't listen to what the doctors told her to do. Morgan says they will let her know the test results.

Carly tells Shaun that it could be pneumonia, but he admits it was trauma induced and the bleeding could get worse. She advises him on what medications the "patient" needs to get on immediately. Shaun takes the script.

Morgan and Alex tells Ida that all the testings came back okay; she may not want to listen to her doctors but she needs to be honest with them. Morgan notices something wrong in her bag. Shaun goes to see Zack, who says he is a doctor and wants to know why he is sad. Shaun says he is sad, angry, confused and doesn't know why he was at the bar as he was supposed to be at a job interview and didn't want a new job; but people keep telling him to move on but he just wants to feel his own emotions. Shaun suddenly thinks about Zack's condition and realizes that he needs immediate treatment for Trampoline. Shaun falls unconscious on the floor and help is called.

Shaun is intubated, where Lim finds out from Claire that Zack is the one who beat Shaun up. Lim is worried about Shaun's condition. Han once again reaffirms his decision to fire Shaun, as he didn't even report to anyone that he was beaten up. Han says they cannot make decisions based on their personal experiences and he is there for his judgment and commitment; if Andrews fires him now, he will look like a fool to the board.

Alex and Morgan want to try one more test on Ida and he tastes what is in her bile vial. He knows she has been dumping her veggie slushie into the vial to make it seem like she was sick. Morgan tells her she will be discharged that afternoon as she follows Alex out of the room.

Claire comes to see Zack, saying she was busy dealing with Dr. Murphy after someone beat him up. Zack tells her that before he passed out, Shaun told him he knew what was wrong with him. He says Shaun was distracted and looking in the air when he revealed that Zack had Trampoline, but Lim thinks Shaun could have been hallucinating or wrong; but when Zack's stats drop they rush to help him.

Claire sits with Lim and Melendez, explaining what Shaun said and feels they should wake him up to see if he can save Zack's life; Melendez says they have two very sick patients and he is not willing to risk Shaun's life to save Zack. Melendez believes it could be Lyme disease, but Claire disagrees but is overruled. She begins Zack's treatment with no response. She speaks to
Denise, the nurse and stands in the same location Shaun so she can know his exact experience when he was standing there.

Aaron and Lea sit in Shaun’s room, as Lea wants Aaron to fight for him to get his job back, but he feels Shaun should take the hits and move on. Aaron admits to her that Shaun really likes her, but would like to see him rejected by someone who actually cares about him. Claire in the meantime begins to visualize the way Shaun did, finally calling out for the OR immediately.

Shaun wakes up, worried about Zack. Claire is able to tell him about the aneurysm and that he also has Trampolina; he had surgery and is stable now. Aaron tells Shaun to lay down and get some rest. Alex and Morgan stand at the nurses’ station where Morgan reveals Ida’s daughter died three days after the doctors told her and she doesn’t have any grandchildren. Her husband passed away a couple of years ago, but they separated right after their daughter’s death. Morgan feels this doesn’t change anything medically and they prepare her for release; Alex offers his sympathy before she leaves.

Andrews visits Shaun who shares his medical stats, saying he is doing well. Andrews says Shaun missed a job interview and is no longer a surgeon there, something they cannot change. He tells Shaun that they need to face reality but Shaun says his brother told him that if people want him to do something wrong, they say it is the reality.

Aaron sits with the board, talking about something Shaun had done, even after the man did something violent and cruel to him. He made Claire Browne a better doctor because she was able to see things through his eyes. They know Shaun doesn’t communicate like the rest of them, but he does communicate and inspires. Han says he fired Shaun because he was irrational and unprofessional; not able to control himself and he stands by that decision. Han says the question is whether he should work there because if he can’t control his staff, he shouldn’t be there. Andrews stands up with Aaron and feels he doesn’t need the votes, as Han has the position to fire people under him but so does Andrews. He says Shaun isn’t ready to move on and neither is Andrews. Han nods at the decision.

Lim and Melendez worry about one of them being the next chief of surgery; so one of them will have to resign or pass up the opportunity. Melendez says he isn’t crazy enough to pass up the chance and neither is she. Melendez says he spoke to Andrews assistant and they will be calling her at any moment. The phone rings and she kisses Melendez, who walks out as she takes the call.

Lea returns home and finds Shaun with flowers and chocolates in his hands. He is pound that he got his job back. He approaches her and asks her if he looks nice. She says he looks very nice. He walks out the door with the gifts as Lea feels shocked. Aaron knocks on Debbie’s door, saying he knows what he wants and what he loves. He feels he knows he loves her and they can continue going on dates but life is short and he wants to spend whatever time he has left with her. Debbie smiles at him as he explains their dates and how they could simply go forever. He asks her to marry him and she nods her head, saying, "Yes!"

Shaun walks to Carly’s house, saying she has nice hair, giving her flowers and chocolates. He was wondering if she would like to eat dinner. She asks if he is asking her out, and he says yes, on a date. She tells him she would love to. Shaun walks away with the flowers and chocolates, jumping up and down the street.
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