

DOCTOR

Yup, I feel it.

SOPHIA

What is it?

DOCTOR

It appears to be an inguinal hernia.

SOPHIA

A hernia? I'm too young to have a hernia.

DOCTOR

Well, some people tell me I'm too young to be a doctor, but here we are. I may not know everything, but I know enough.

SOPHIA

Okay, so, what's an "inguinal hernia"?

DOCTOR

"Inguinal. " Uh Some tissue, most likely your intestine, has protruded through the muscle wall.

SOPHIA

How did I get it?

DOCTOR

It can happen lots of different ways. Were you engaging in any kind of unusual strenuous activity?

SOPHIA

Um Oh, yeah. Well, this morning I was celebrating because I kind of figured out life. So, is it dangerous?

DOCTOR

Nah, some live with them for years and never know they have them. But if tissue becomes strangulated, meaning the blood flow to it gets cut off, it could become necrotic, and that's potentially lethal.

SOPHIA

So, it could be the most dangerous?

DOCTOR

Just take it easy. If it hurts, take an Advil.

SOPHIA

Okay, and then how do you fix it? Do you just pop it back in and then a bump grows on my head, like Tom and Jerry? - Heh, right?

DOCTOR

If only. No, no, no, you'd have it done surgically.

SOPHIA

How much does that cost?

DOCTOR

Hard to say. - I'd guess 3,000 to 5,000. But if you have health insurance, it'd just be your deductible.

SOPHIA

Dude.

DOCTOR

Doctor.

SOPHIA

You think I would be here if I had health insurance? After this, I'm gonna buy Advil with an Albertsons rewards card. I wouldn't know where to begin to get health insurance.

DOCTOR

Most people get it through their job.

SOPHIA

Christ! I need to get a job?