

III. Cognitive Biases

Upon completion of this section you will be able to:

1. Describe a variety of cognitive biases in medicine
2. Describe feedback methods to help learners who are making cognitive errors.

How can I assist students to improve their clinical reasoning?

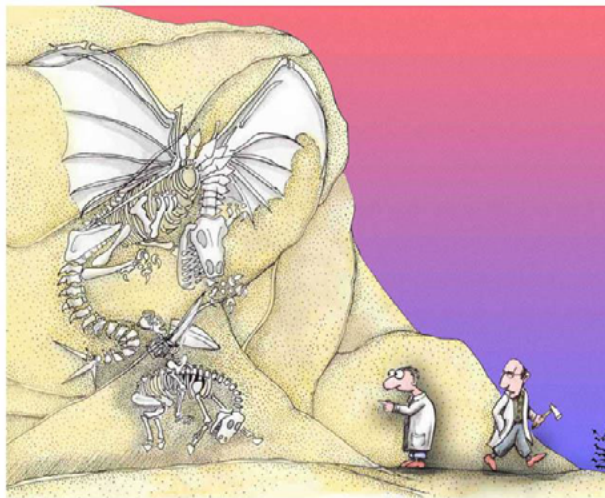
Case

Terry Jones is a 3rd year resident & makes the following statement in a very sarcastic tone during rounds. “If she’s overweight & depressed, she probably has irritable bowel syndrome.”

Dr. Allen’s response

I was appalled by this statement but wasn’t sure how to respond.

What do you think is the problem here?



"Ignore it, Jeffries. It's unscientific."

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