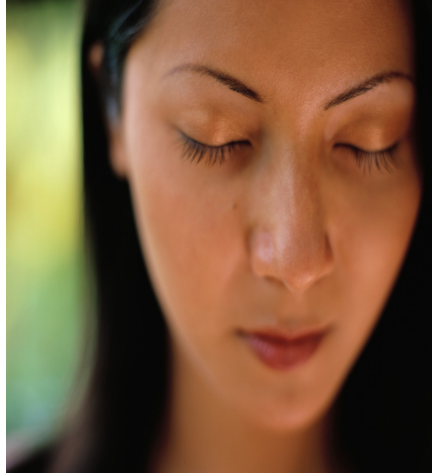


Scenario #5 Paige



You are the nurse on a busy Medical/Surgical Unit. Paige, a 25 yr old female was admitted yesterday following surgical repair of a left tibia/fibula fracture. You are her nurse, and you ask her how she is feeling. She also tells you how she broke her leg. You ask her if she needs pain medication.

“Wha... Uh... gom... rit... um... urd... (yawn)”

“What? Huh? So tired... Hurting? Don’t know... Let me sleep.”

“Who are you? Where am I? Oh! What’s wrong with my leg? It was those little people from the dump that came in while I was asleep and punched it with their buckets. Look! There they are in the corner! Don’t you see them by the bushes? Three of them have purple hats on. Help! Keep them away from me!”

“Oh no! There is white stuff on my leg. They make it feel numb and really warm. I have to pull it off, or my leg will turn purple?”

“Now they are gone. I hope they leave me alone now. Is it time for my next pain pills yet?”