

Acute Vasomotor Flush



“Doctor!”
“Nurse?”
“Mrs. Dinklaker has taken a turn for the worse!”
“Who? Is she a patient?”
“One of yours, doctor. Room 4.”
“I see. And what are her symptoms?”
“Acute vasomotor flushes.”
“Vaso *what*? Speak English, please!”
“She is experiencing severe hot flashes, doctor.”
“Oh, that. It’s a menopause thing, right? *Everybody* gets them. Every *woman*, that is. No need to worry.”
“Begging your pardon, doctor, but Mrs. Dinklaker’s latest flush is unusually severe.”
“She’s *my* patient. And I say she’s perfectly all ri ... say, what’s that awful noise?”
“It’s the smoke detector. In Room 4.”