

**To be the Very Model of a Modern Neuropsychiatrist
or Demystifying the Neuropsychiatric Competencies**

To the tune of "A Modern Major General" from Pirates of Penzance by Gilbert & Sullivan

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To be the very model of a modern Neuropsychiatrist,
To recognize behaviors hidden deep in the homunculus,
For competence in matters neurological and cognitive,
We delve into anomalies both static and degenerative.

There's dystonia, dysgeusia, dysmnesia, dysphoria,

Dysarthria, diplegia, anosodiaphoria,

Dysphonia, dysmetria and simultanagnosia....,

A multitude of syndromes for our meetings and symposia.

Chorus

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We're very good at localizing cognitive and motor signs,
We think its grand to probe the mental status for unusual finds,
Psychiatry has lost its brain—neurology has lost its mind.

We have no choice but undertake this study of a different kind.

Chorus

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We toil 6 years for bosses both penurious and tyrannical,
We fill our brains with lists of facts that truly seem satanical,
We try to please both masters who at times are quite fanatical,
To understand our patients in ways both neuro and dynamical.

There's Broca, Geshwind, Papez, Alzheimer, Freud and Von Economo,

Jackson, Critchley, Greisinger... Gilles de la Tourette, Charcot,

Harlow, Kraepelin, Luria, Pribram, Wernicke, Gastaut....

From whom derive the plethora of syndromes that we strive to know.

Chorus

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From whom derive the plethora of syndromes that we strive to –strive to know.

We do not value narrow-minded folk who say “be realists.”
We’ve chosen to go down a path that costs our families years of bliss,
To join the hallowed ranks of psychiatric deconstructionists,
And be the very model of a modern neuropsychiatrist.

Chorus

**To join the hallowed ranks of psychiatric deconstructionists
And be the very model of a modern neuropsychiatrist.**

To plumb the neuropsychic depths we’re fond of high technology,
But never fear we won’t forget the teachings of psychology,
And though to many true believers schismatics we will ever be,
What ever works to find the mind will in our black bags always be.

**There’s MRI in flavors BOLD Perfusion FLAIR Spectroscopy,
Diffusion tensor imaging exploiting anisotropy,
Electro-my-o-nystagmo-long term-video-encephalography.....
But in our hearts it’s drawing clocks that take us where we want to be.**

Chorus

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