

# Interesting Cases: Applying Concepts to Unexpected Real-Life Scenarios

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## Name the Event



## Patient 1: 64-year-old Female

- Admitted to rehab for treatment of AUD following a "detox" protocol. MMTP 60mg for many years-OUD in Remission
- Married: Spouse no SUD
- F: +EtOH M: No EtOH 4S: No EtOH 2Children: No EtOH
- HS Graduate: Employed in Sales
- Social, Occasional EtOH until age 56
- ? Event → ↑↑ EtOH one year after event → AUD
- PE: unremarkable
- Labs: Normal CMP, CBC, Lipids
- UDT: + Methadone



## What was the event?



## Bariatric Surgery



## 64-year-old Female with AUD

- Age 56: Bariatric Surgery: 5' 4" 240lbs. BMI= 41
- ? Type of Bariatric Surgery?
- ? RYBS, SG, LAGB
- SG
- Current BMI: 24
- 2 liters Vodka day

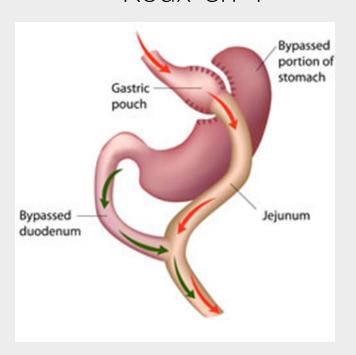


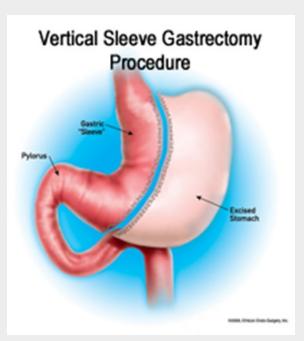
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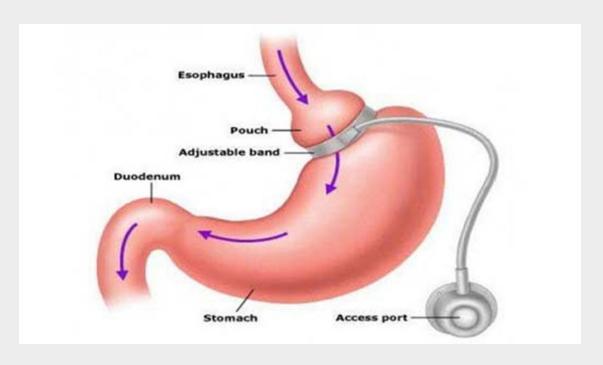
SG

### **LAGB**

### Roux-en-Y







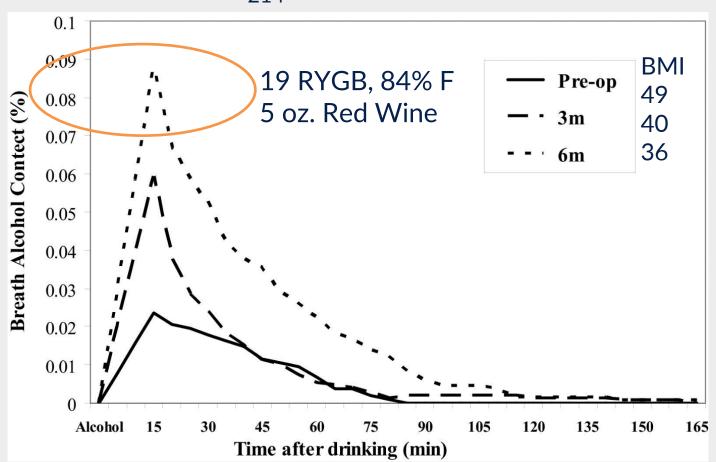
Roux-en-Y, is an end-to-side surgical anastomosis of bowel used to reconstruct the gastrointestinal tract. The name is derived from the surgeon who first described it César Roux and the stick-figure representation.

## Impaired Alcohol Metabolism after Gastric Bypass Surgery: A Case-Crossover Trial

Gavitt A Woodard, BS, John Downey, MD, Tina Hernandez-Boussard, PhD, MPH, John M Morton, MD, MPH, FACS

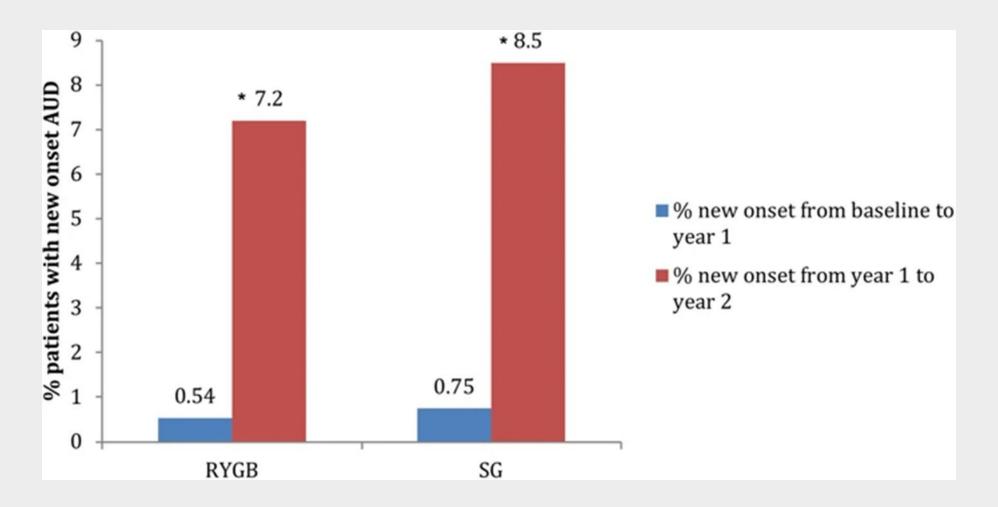
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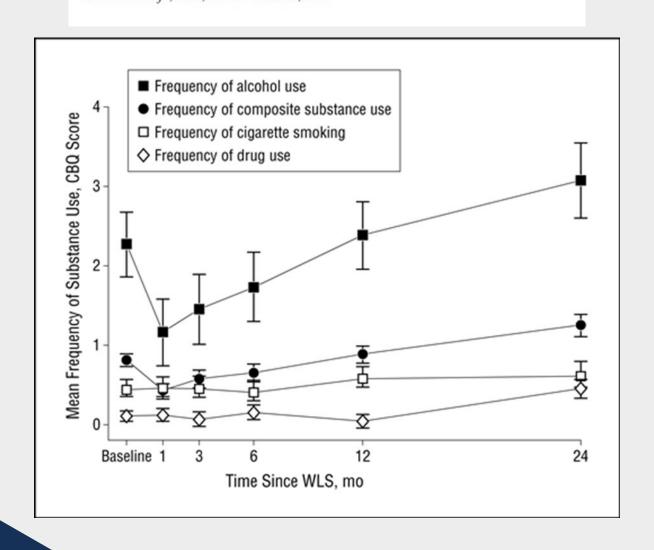


## Comparison of patients screening positive for AUD between baseline and year 1 and year 1 to year 2 following surgery



## Substance Use Following Bariatric Weight Loss Surgery

Alexis Conason, PsyD; Julio Teixeira, MD; Chia-Hao Hsu, PhD; Lauren Puma, MS; Danielle Knafo, PhD; Allan Geliebter, PhD



### Addiction Transfer/Substitution

- Why the ~ 2-year delay?
- Why procedure-dependent?
- Occurs In Patients with Gastrectomy for peptic ulcer and CA with nl BMI
- Rodent Model: ↑EtOH after RYGB



## Pharmacokinetics/Pharmacodynamics

- Explains Difference RYGB, SG, LAGB
- ↓ Gastric ADH (Cimetidine H2 Blocker)
- ↓Weight → ↑ Socialization
- ↑ Absorption, ↑ Cmax, earlier Tmax
- Feeling More Intoxicated
- AUD>> Other SUDs
- Cocaine Analogy: I.N. → Smoked (Crack Cocaine)



### Predictors of AUD Post WLS

- Type of Weight Loss Surgery
- Male: Women More WLS
- Younger Age, FH
- EtOH use Pre-Op
- Tobacco, Illicit Drug Use
- ADHD
- Lower Sense of Belonging, Depression
- More Weight Loss → ↑ Socialization → ↑ EtOH



## Key Takeaways

- New Onset EtOH related problems occur in ~ 10% of WLS Pts.
- More likely with RYGB & SG than with LAGB.
- Some WLS patients ↓ EtOH intake.
- EtOH problems increase over time. Usually begins ~2 years after WLS.
- Inform and Monitor all WLS patients about the risk of AUD/SUD over time.
- Special Thanks to Allan Geliebter PhD, for alerting me to the relationship between Bariatric Surgery and Alcohol

## Next Case



## "Rapid Sudden Death" After IV Drug Use



### Sudden Death IVDU

- 26 yo male
- 8 year hx of OUD
- Prescription Opioids→ IN Heroin → IV Heroin last 12 months
- 3 non-fatal ODs last 8 months
- Non compliant with Bupe Rx and Psychosocial Tx
- Argued with his Mother: Went up to his Room: Mother heard a loud thud, found him on floor, unresponsive, with syringe and needle in his arm 5 minutes later.
- Naloxone Nasal Spray 4mg administered X2—No Response
- Patient could not be resuscitated by EMS



## What Happened?



### Sudden Death IVDU

- ? Typical Opioid Induced Respiratory Depression Fatal Overdose
  - Time Frame: ≥ 1 hour: Naloxone Reversal Effectiveness Evidence

 Post Mortem Toxicology: +Fentanyl, -Norfentanyl, +Heroin, -6-MAM, +Morphine

- Fentanyl Induced Chest Wall Rigidity ("Wooden Chest")
  - Fentanyl Induced Respiratory Muscle Rigidity & Laryngospasm



## Fentanyl Chest Wall Rigidity

- First Reported in 1953 in anesthesia literature
- Skeletal Muscle Rigidity: Chest Wall Most Common
- Most common with fentanyl and its congeners (lipid solubility)
- Most common with rapid IV administration
- ? Activation of the **coerulospinal noradrenergic pathway**, following mu receptor activation in LC
- ? dose related
- +/- Reversal with naloxone (IV route in literature): succinylcholine in OR
- Ventilatory Support
- Low or Absent Nor-fentanyl (appears in 2 minutes: CYP3A4)



## 100 Accidental OD deaths 2017:

99% + FENTANYL Only 3 cases + HEROIN

64% + Nor-fentanyin: 3A4



#### RESEARCH UPDATE ON FENTANYL OUTBREAKS IN THE DAYTON, OH AREA:



**DAYTON, OHIO.** The Dayton area (Montgomery County, Ohio) has recently experienced dramatic increases in heroin and other opioid-related problems. Unintentional drug overdose deaths increased significantly from 127 in 2010 to 264 in 2014. In 2016, there were 349 overdose deaths in Montgomery County, and 251 of them screened positive for fentanyl. Preliminary data from 2017 indicate continuing increases in overdose deaths.

	A.	В.	C.
Synthetic	All cases	Acryl	Furanyl
opioids/fentanyl	(N=100)	Fentanyl	Fentanyl
analogues/metabolites		Positives	Positives
		(N=56)	(N=39)
Fentanyl	99 (99%)	56 (100%)	39 (100%)
Norfentanyl	64 (64%)	39 (70%)	26 (67%)
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Despropionylfentanyl	46 (46%)	26 (46%)	32 (82%)
Furanyl Fentanyl	39 (39%)	25 (45%)	
Carfentanil	3 (3%)	2 (4%)	1 (2.6%)
Acetyl Fentanyl	2 (2%)	1 (2%)	1 (2.6%)
Butyryl/isobutyrylfentanyl	1 (1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Furanyl Norfentanyl	1 (1%)	1 (2%)	1 (2.6%)
U47700	1 (1%)	1 (2%)	1 (2.6%)



## Fentanyl-Induced Chest Wall Rigidity

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Fentanyl and other opiates used in procedural sedation and analgesia are associated with several wellknown complications. We report the case of a man who developed the uncommon complication of chest wall rigidity and ineffective spontaneous ventilation following the administration of fentanyl during an elective bronchoscopy. His ventilation was assisted and the condition was reversed with naloxone. Although this complication is better described in pediatric patients and with anesthetic doses, chest wall rigidity can occur with analgesic doses of fentanyl and related compounds. Management includes ventilatory support and reversal with either naloxone or a short-acting neuromuscular blocking agent. This reaction does not appear to be a contraindication to future use of fentanyl or related compounds. Chest wall rigidity causing respiratory compromise should be readily recognized and treated by bronchoscopists.

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CLINICAL RESEARCH

#### Could chest wall rigidity be a factor in rapid death from illicit fentanyl abuse?

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#### ABSTRACT

**Background:** There has been a significant spike in fentanyl-related deaths from illicit fentanyl supplied via the heroin trade. Past fentanyl access was primarily oral or dermal via prescription fentanyl patch diversion. One factor potentially driving this increase in fatalities is the change in route of administra-

## High levels of fentanyl but not norfentanyl = rapid death onset, and is associated with acute chest rigidity 42% No Nor-Fentanyl 20/48 cases

tanyl in half of our cases suggests a very rapid death, consistent with acute chest rigidity. An alternate explanation could be a dose-related rapid onset of respiratory arrest. Deaths occurred with low levels of fentanyl in the therapeutic range (1–2 ng/ml) in apparent non-naïve opiate abusers. Acute chest wall rigidity is a well-recognized complication in the medical community but unknown within the drug abuse community. The average abuser of illicit opioids may be unaware of the increasing fentanyl content of their illicit opioid purchase. **Conclusion:** In summary we believe sudden onset chest wall rigidity may be a significant and previously unreported factor leading to an increased mortality, from illicit N fentanyl use. Fentanyl and norfentanyl ratios and concentrations suggest a more rapid onset of death given the finding of fentanyl without norfentanyl in many of the fatalities. Chest wall rigidity may help explain the cause of death in these instances, in contrast to the typical opioid-related overdose deaths. Intravenous heroin users should be educated regarding this potentially fatal complication given the increasingly common substitution and combination with heroin of fentanyl.

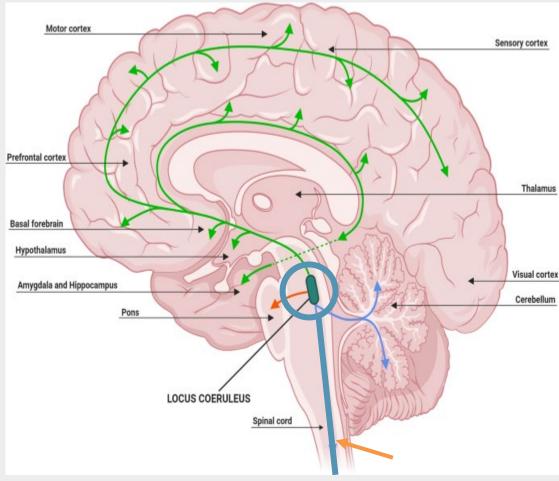
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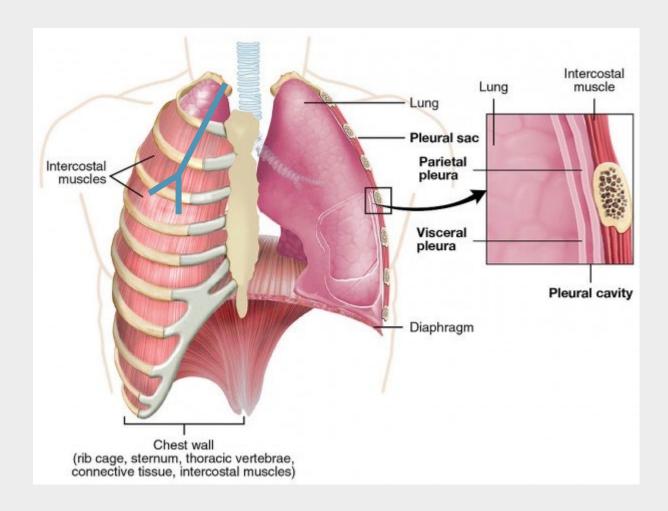
#### KEYWORDS

Chest wall rigidity; fentanyl; heroin; norfentanyl; opioids; overdose

### **Cerulospinal Pathway**

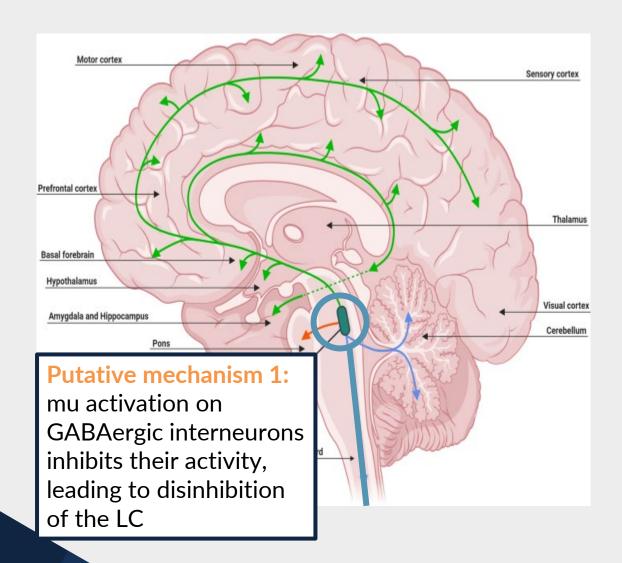


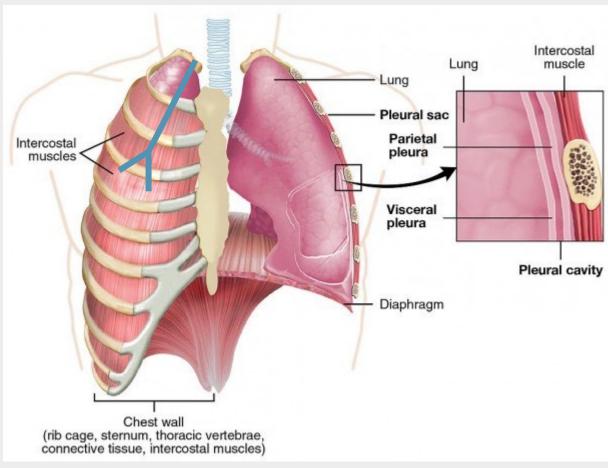
**Spinal Motor Neuron** 



### Activation of NE via GABA inhibition increases muscle tone







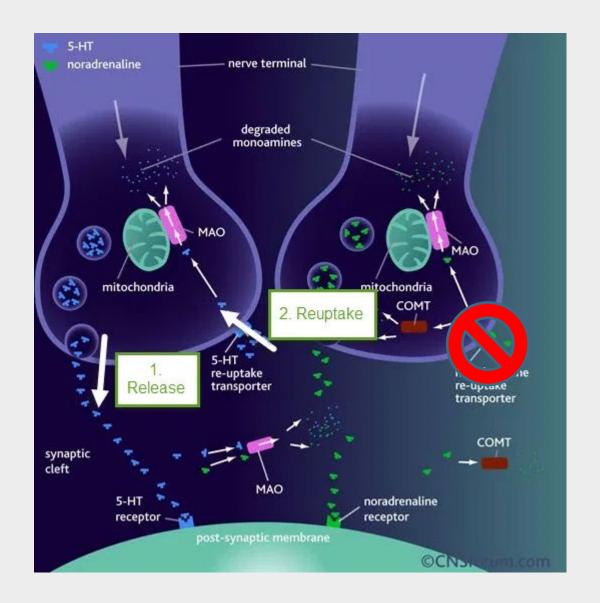
## Continuous activation of LC leads hyper contraction of the cell wall



### **Putative mechanism 2:**

fentanyl has been shown to block reuptake of NE

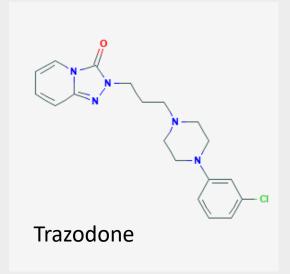
Importantly, naloxone does not affect this mechanism



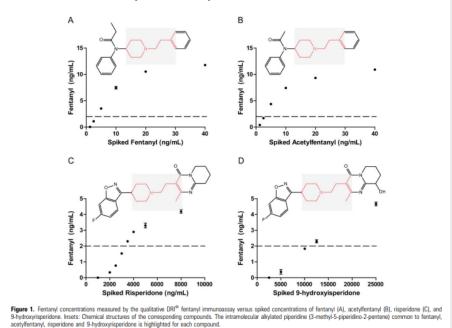


## False Positive Fentanyl Immunoassay

- Trazodone
- Risperidone, Paliperodone, Iloperidone
- Some of the Fentanyl Analogues
- Not Norfentanyl
- Diphenhydramine, Sertraline,
- Labetalol, Fluoxetine, MDMA,
- Methamphetamine, Amitriptyline



### Alkylated Piperidine in common





Lockwood et al. Harm Reduct J (2021) 18:30 J Addict Med 2021;15: 150–154 Journal of Analytical Toxicology 2014;38:672 –675

## Next Case



## 38 yo Female with AUD

- Admitted to inpatient rehab following alcohol "detox" with chlordiazepoxide Sept 2016
- Never felt happy—anxious, low self esteem
- Father physically abused patient: mother ignored
- Raped on street by stranger while intoxicated with EtOH: age 20
- EtOH, THC in H.S.: IN cocaine D/C'd 10 yrs ago: heroin IN X4 did not like: never IV. EtOH preferred: Benzos last few years



### 38 yo Female with AUD

- Rehab is a locked unit, with visitors 1xweek--Sunday. Pt. had visitor on 3<sup>rd</sup> day of rehab
- Started on Gabapentin 300mg tid on admission for MAT for AUD
- On 4<sup>th</sup> day of rehab, 9AM, patient had altered mental status, and rapid response called. Patient was somnolent: O2 Sat=91%, Glu=64, BP=125/70, P=60, Pupils=nl. After DW50 and IV hydration MS improves. Remains on Rehab unit.
- UDT: Negative -opiate, cocaine, THC, benzo, PCP, MTD, Bupe
- Blood Alcohol Level: 312mg/dl
- What Happened??
- Where did the Alcohol come from?



## Hand Sanitizer Ingestion









Home > Ecolab Quik-Care Aerosol Foam Hand Sanitizer, 500 ml bottle, 12/case

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#### PRODUCT DETAILS

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Quik-Care Foam Hand Sanitizer is a waterless, foaming antimicrobial hand sanitizer formulated with 62.5% 
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- 500 ml
- 12 per case

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Item # 6084332



Epi Soft Mild Pink Lotion Skin Cleanser, 1000 ml bottle, 12/case

Item # 61067202



Ecolab Asepticare TB+II Quat Ammonium/Alcohol Germicidal Solution, 32oz, Each

Item # 61121521



Endure Clear and Soft Hand Soap, 540 ml bottle, Item # 6000031

4544

5% 10 Proof

13% 25 Proof



50% 100 Proof













~ 25% Alcohol 50Proof





35% Alcohol 70Proof

10% Alcohol 20Proof



### 38 yo female with AUD

- 5 year hx of drinking hand sanitizer in health care facilities; like Vodka—but stronger
- Would drink Sanitizer to alleviate withdrawal
- No hangovers
- Also drank Listerine
- Required ICU and intubation in the past



Table 1. Case reports of intentional alcohol-based hand sanitizer ingestions Blood Hospital Stated Location of Ingestion Concentration Case Yrs Psychiatric Admission Ingestion (Number of Acute Hand Sanitizer of Alcohols, Therapeutic Illness mg/dL No. Reference Intent Attempts) Alcohol Concentration Interventions Outcome Diagnosis (3)49, Alcoholism Alcohol NS Hospital 85% ethanol Ethanol 335 Gastric lavage, Recovery intoxication intubation (4)38. Alcoholism NS Hospital Not specified Ethanol >500 Intubation Suspected Recovery intoxication (5)38, Pancreatic duct Suicide attempt Hospital 51% isopropanol, 34% isopropanol 37, Fomepizole Chronic Recovery stone propanol-1 acetone 227, psychosis propanol-1 <10 (6)Polysubstance 27, 1 Pancreatitis Suicide attempt Emergency 63% isopropanol Elevated Intubation Recovery department (2 abuse. isopropanol episodes within 2 depression months) (7)NS. Alcoholism Alcohol Intoxication Hospital 65% to 75% eth. pol Ethanol 700 Intubation Recovery withdrawal (8)81. NS Cardiac Suicide attempt Cardiac rehabilitation 85% ethanol Ethanol 228 Supportive Recovery rehabilitation care (9)43, Alcoholism Chest pain Intoxication Hospital 63% isopropanol Isopropanol Supportive Recovery 13.6, acetone 269 Vasopressors (10)49, NS Acute intoxication NS Correctional facility 62% ethanol Ethanol 335 Fluid repletion Recovery (11)37, 1 NS Hospital visitor NS Hospital 27.6% 1-propanol, Gastric lavage, Recovery 36.1% 2- propanol activated charcoal. intubation Isopropanol 100 Intensive care (12)53. 1 Alcoholism Acute intoxication Intoxication Outpatient and hospital Isopropanol with first Recovery ingestion episode acetone 207 admission and second episode both from 61% ethanol first episode. ethanol 376, second episode 11 (13)Bipolar disorder Acute intoxication Intoxication Outpatient and in 62% ethanol NS Observation Recovery alcoholism hospital 12 (14)Borderline NS Intubation Correctional facility Isopropanol, Isopropanol Recovery 195, acetone hemodialysis personality syndrome 128 13 (15) 71, 1 Alcoholism 70% alcohol first Intensive care Death Hyponatremia NS Hospital, 2 episodes 1st episode episode ethanol 180 48% 2-propanol and 2nd episode 32% 1-propanol, 1-propanol second episode 850, 2propanol 1600, acetone 55 14 (16)33, Depression Suicide attempt Psychiatric ward 43% ethanol Ethanol 414 Intubation Depression Recovery alcoholism

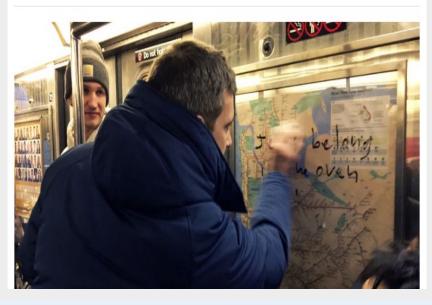
### Subway Riders Scrub Anti-Semitic Graffiti, as 'Decent Human Beings'

By JONAH ENGEL BROMWICH FEB. 5, 2017









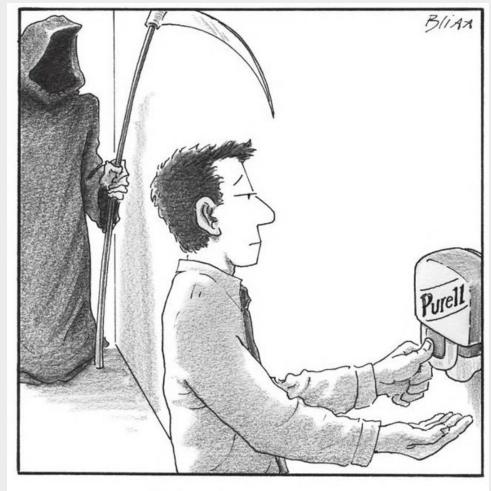


### With Ample Purell, Riders Scrub Graffiti

than 354,000 times. "I've never seen so many people simultaneously reach into their bags and pockets looking for tissues and Purell," Mr. Locke wrote. "Within about two minutes, all the Nazi symbolism was gone." Mr. Nied

February 05, 2017 - By JONAH ENGEL BROMWICH - N.Y. / Region - Print Headline: "With Ample Purell, Riders Scrub Graffiti"





"Don't bother."





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