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## Tubes

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Hospital admissions counter.

A woman talking with the receptionist.

WOMAN

What do you mean it was cancelled?

RECEPTIONIST

It's what it says.

WOMAN

I booked this appointment 3 months ago.

RECEPTIONIST

I am sorry.

WOMAN

Well, that's not enough I should be working right now. Someone should have told me.

RECEPTIONIST

Yes, someone should.

WOMAN

I want to speak with Dr. Kornafel?

RECEPCIONIST

She hasn't come in.

RECEPTIONIST

I don't think she will be coming in today.

WOMAN

Is she sick?

RECEPTIONIST

I don't know.

WOMAN

Then call her.

RECEPTIONIST

There are other people that want to check in. If you could please/

WOMAN

Ok, I'll call her. (WOMAN takes out her cell phone and dials. She gets an answer machine). Hi, this is Dina Patrick calling, we had an appointment for surgery today and I am here at Verdugo Hill Hospital waiting for you. The receptionist told me the appointment was cancelled. Please, call me back at 347 428 7171, thanks. (She hangs up. She waits. She paces. She calls again. Again the voicemail). Hi, it's Dina again. I just cannot believe you stood me up. I did everything you asked me, I thought we were together on this. I thought you were different. I respected you. (She hangs up. She is getting more and more upset. She dials again. Voicemail.) I am going to keep on calling. Kathleen, you need to pick up the phone, or I am gonna make a scene right here at the Hospital. I'm serious, you know I am serious... (Raising her voice) I really cannot believe you did this to me. I trusted you!

DOCTOR ROBSKI

(Trying to reach her attention) Chsss, Ms. Patrick, hey.

WOMAN

Who are you?

DOCTOR R

Lower your voice.

WOMAN

Unbelievable.

DOCTOR

Dr. Kornafel asked me to talk to you.

WOMAN

Is she ok?

DOCTOR

She is fine.

WOMAN

Are you going to do it?

DOCTOR

Why do you want to do it?

WOMAN

Oh God, not again! I spent the last two years of my life explaining myself. I cannot take it anymore. Is it that hard to understand it?! I just don't want to have kids!

DOCTOR

Me neither. I get it. I just wanted to be sure. Listen, I have an opening at 2. Do you want me to schedule for that?

WOMAN

Yes...

DOCTOR

Perfect, I'll see you in a bit.

WOMAN

Let me think about it...

Lights.