



Squeaky G Stethoscope

For a silly new hospital procedure I call A Squeaky G [EKG], I use a Talkboy F/X+™ Recording Pen (available at Toys 'R Us). I bent the pocket clip forward and disguise the pen by covering that end with a silly rubber squeaky dog toy. The pen is attached to the stethoscope with duck tape.

There are six buttons on the side of the pen, each with a different sound effect (howl, ring, crash, horn, siren, and bark). My favorite is the telephone ring. "Shall I answer it?" Then press the play button. "Hi Susy, this is your heart. I love you," or "Joey, this is your heart speaking, please take your medication now." It will record a ten-second message. You can personalize these before you enter the room. There is a voice changer -- fast, normal, and slow to disguise your voice.

-- Shobi Dobi