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**Practical Application 2.6.a Case study: Sense of humor between Pediatric health care staff during a visit in Paediatrics**

**CASE STUDY**

***“Humor in Emergency: is it possible?”***

Two-year-old child is taken by his mother to the emergency room. She’s very worried because her son has a fever for two days. The paediatrician visited the child with some problems because he is very nervous and the mother can’t contain him. Then the paediatrician is about to resign the child even though the mother seems highly concerned. The nurse tries to explain to the mother that fever is not dangerous but the symptoms that accompany it have to be monitored. Even this attempt does not seem to reassure or calm the situation.

The paediatrician therefore prescribes TACHIPIRINA for this purpose and the nurse opening the medicine cabinet says with a smile – “ Doctor, TACHIPIRINA for the purpose is finished, can I give the normal one?”. Everyone in the room including the mother let themselves go to a thunderous laugh; the situation has changed and the baby heads to the exit with his mother, still smiling.

**QUESTIONS**

- What humor did the nurse use?

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- 2) what relational and personal conditions allowed the joke between two health workers?



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- 3) What are the benefits of the humorous joke? How could the situation end?

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