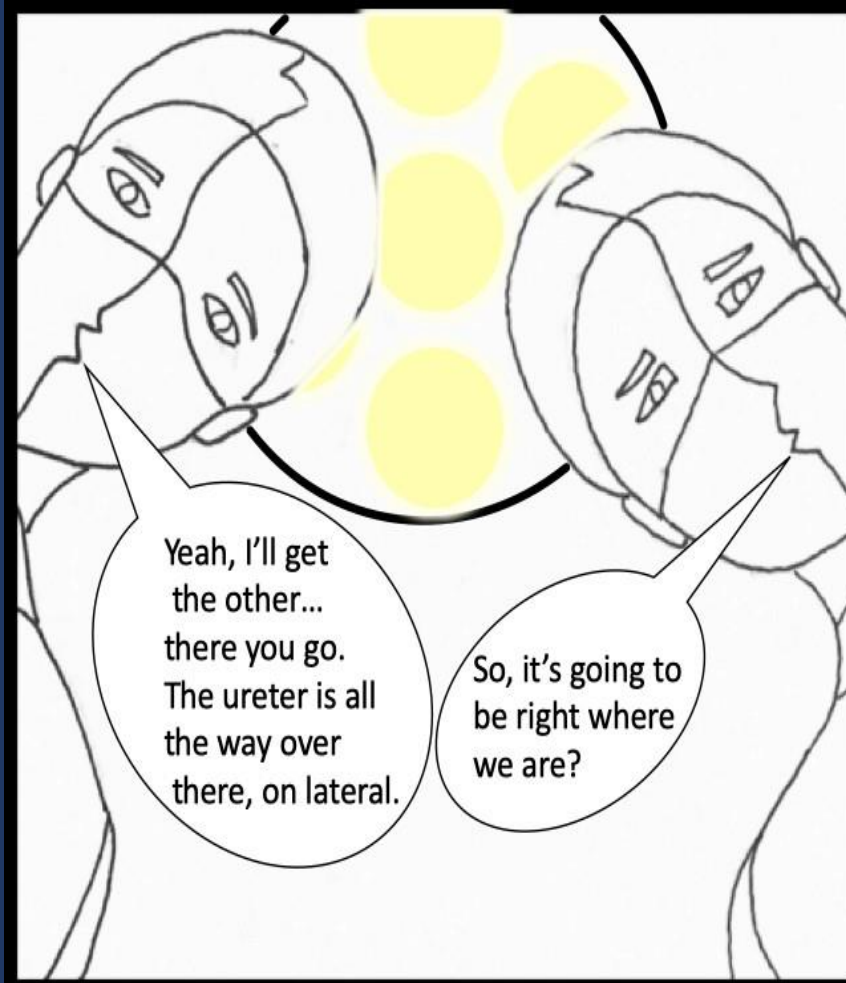


Ambiguous language common in surgical teaching cases

- 3,912 ambiguous language terms used in 319 minutes of surgery
- 12.3 ambiguous terms per minute

Linguistic ambiguities

- Restatement
- Reframing
- Deixis
- Anaphora
- Implicit instruction
- Degree modifier
- General episodic
- Directional frame of reference
- Misnomer
- Modal base ambiguity



“I feel like that’s awfully close to the bladder.”

“You’re gonna go across...the other way.”

“Pull back on this a little bit more.”