

The background of the poster is a photograph of a person's feet sticking out from under a white sheet in a morgue. The right foot has a white identification tag hanging from it. The background is a soft-focus view of a hospital room with blue curtains. A white ECG line is superimposed on the top left, with the letter 'A' at its peak.

A Medical Drama

Mr Colin Oscopy

Congratulations!

You are taking part in a murder mystery by Red Herring Games.

Firstly: *Don't Panic!*

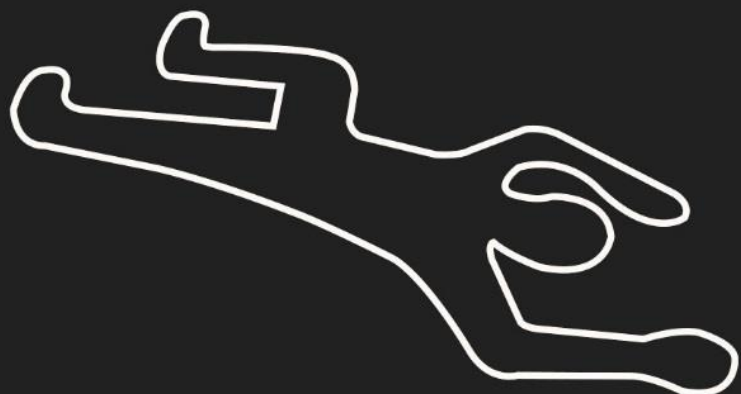
This booklet contains all the information you need to help you act your part throughout the murder mystery; background history, scripted dialogues, questions you should ask and scripted answers to questions you will be asked by the other guests.

You are encouraged to make the most of your part. Feel free to make up new lines and add to your back story or statements if you wish. However, make sure you always provide the information you need to within your answers. We have pre-scripted your statements to make things as simple for you as possible.

Make sure you listen to everyone else's questions and answers.

You won't be told if you're the killer – so feel free to guess yourself at the end – but don't tell anyone else you are! You must protest your innocence until the end!

Lastly: *Have fun!*



Mr Colin Oscopy

Background Character Information

Keep this information to yourself, and use it to help you to act in character throughout the mystery:

You are a surgeon and therefore have a tendency towards arrogance. This is made worse by your competitive nature which means you are often liable to get into arguments with other surgeons or doctors in terms of which procedures are best, or best practice, or indeed who is the best at any given thing.

You love your cameras and love taking photos. And it isn't just people you take photos of. It is also their body parts. Keep asking people to pose their thumb joint or earlobe etc for imaging. Don't be afraid to reposition them to make maximum use of the available light.

Mr Colin Oscopy - Introductions

Use the following dialogue to introduce yourself to the other guests, speaking when indicated below.

Colin Oscopy speaks first using the following dialogue:

Well, I have no trouble going first, although I suspect most of you know me already. I'm Colin Oscopy, one of the surgeons at General County Hospital. And Ricky Mortice is dead, eh? What can I say? Well, I suppose it happens to us all eventually. Death is about the only thing that's certain in life.

After you have heard from everyone, please continue reading and begin round 1.

Scripted Dialogue - Round 1

- Colin Oscopy:** Well... that's quite a lot to digest, isn't it?
- Venus Infusion:** But probably more palatable than most things this canteen serves up!
- Chris Chun:** Now is hardly the time for jokes.
- Annie Stetic:** Perhaps not, but he is right. This canteen isn't exactly known for its high standards.
- Andy Bedpan:** I wonder what killed him? Could it have been the food?
- Chris Chun:** It has that potential. That's why I rarely eat here. Have you seen what they put into things?
- Pete De'Atricks:** Oh, I don't know. There is something in me that loves the old-style school dinners. Jam roly-poly, tapioca. Lovely!
- Andy Bedpan:** That'll be the child in you, Pete. Sometimes I think you never grew up.
- Chris Chun:** You are as old as you feel. Some of us still feel pretty young. Inside at least.
- Colin Oscopy:** Hospital investigations can take months. Will this be the same do you think?
- Andy Bedpan:** I hope not. My placement is meant to be over in a fortnight and I'd rather not stay any longer.
- Annie Stetic:** Aren't you enjoying it, Andy?

Andy Bedpan: I didn't say that! Just... well... university life is a lot less work.

Chris Chun: All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.

Colin Oscopy: And all play makes Jack a very poor boy.

Annie Stetic: Maybe we should get on with finding out something about Ricky Mortice.

Pete De'Atricks Sounds like a good idea, doctor. I would like to get home and have some rest before my next shift.

Mr Colin Oscopy - First Round

Questions you should ask:

Annie Stetic, you've had a lot of time off recently. Were you unwell?

Dr Pete De'Atricks, did you ever work with Ricky Mortice?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Colin Oscopy, what do you think of the hospital canteen?

Say: It's horrendous. I rarely dine there. In fact, the only time I cross the threshold is when I'm working back-to-back and don't have time to get home. The catering staff are just appallingly bad. The last meal I had there was vegetarian bolognese. And I call it bolognese loosely. I didn't think they could possibly mess that up, but they did. They added chopped up swede. Swede!! In bolognese!? I ask you!

When asked: Colin Oscopy, what are your success rates like? How many people have you lost during surgery?

Say: None! I have 100% success rate with my surgical operations. I have never lost a patient under anaesthetic, nor indeed, post operatively. It's why I have such an enormous waiting list. Patients specifically ask for me.

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Scripted Dialogue - Round 2

- Colin Oscopy:** Well! This is a shock. I had rather assumed food poisoning to be the cause.
- Chris Chun:** Oh well. At least a stab through the heart is quicker than a nasty bout of gastroenteritis.
- Annie Stetic:** May I remind you all this is a murder enquiry, not a diagnostic or full staff meeting.
- Andy Bedpan:** You mean you don't normally kill people at work? Sorry - only kidding.
- Venus Infusion:** This is not a joking matter, Andy.
- Pete De'Atricks:** Not yet anyway. Say, did you hear the one about the man who thought his wife was a pig?
- Andy Bedpan:** Let me guess... he tried to buy her some oinkment? Old joke, Pete.
- Annie Stetic:** You'll need to do better than that to lighten the mood.
- Chris Chun:** Lighten the mood? I thought someone had just died!
- Colin Oscopy:** That's right! I'd forgotten! We should break out the champagne! What do you say, Annie?
- Annie Stetic:** Champagne? At a hospital? I wish.
- Colin Oscopy:** Perhaps if we ask around there might be some medicinal brandy lurking in a cupboard somewhere.

Annie Stetic:

It's supposed to be for shock, not for celebrations.

Colin Oscopy:

And they have sherry on the geriatric unit. It's supposed to stimulate the appetite.

Chris Chun:

Well I don't fancy drinking with a murderer. So what say we crack on with solving this case first? And then... who knows?

Mr Colin Oscopy - Second Round

Questions you should ask:

Annie Stetic, which surgeon did your operation?

Pete De'Atricks, you always seem so bouncy and fun. Do you love your job?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Colin Oscopy, did you apply for the post of lead surgeon at the same time as Ricky Mortice?

Say: Yes, I did and I was turned down. I don't really understand why? I thought my success rate stood me in very good stead for the post and yet Ricky Mortice, who has lost several patients, both under anaesthetic and post operatively, somehow managed to beat me at interview. I don't really understand it.

When asked: Colin Oscopy, do you think that the scalpel used to kill Ricky Mortice could have come from the operating theatre?

Say: Yes, but then it could have come from anywhere else too. Most wards have scalpels within their sterile kits for removing stitches or dressings, or cutting away diseased flesh etc. All that said, thinking about it, it is actually very unlikely it came from theatre. All surgical implements are rigorously counted in and out during operations and a missing scalpel would have been noticed long before it was imbedded in Ricky Mortice!

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Scripted Dialogue - Round 3

- Colin Oscopy:** A final diagnosis? Who does he think he is? A doctor?
- Pete De'Atricks:** He's about as much a doctor as I am a detective. I haven't a clue who it is!
- Venus Infusion:** Didn't he say just one of us was the murderer?
- Annie Stetic:** That's what I heard.
- Colin Oscopy:** Well I suppose that's a good thing.
- Pete De'Atricks:** Why's that?
- Colin Oscopy:** I'd hate to think there was more than one of us capable of killing in cold blood.
- Chris Chun** So much for you all being in the caring professions!
- Pete De'Atricks:** Well, it sounds like the inspector already knows who did it.
- Andy Bedpan:** Well, if the inspector already knows who did it, why are we even bothering?
- Colin Oscopy:** I agree. It sounds like a waste of time to me. Like team building exercises.
- Pete De'Atricks:** Oh, I enjoyed the last one we all did. But I get your point.
- Chris Chun** Well, this investigation has certainly got us all talking.

Andy Bedpan: Even if we aren't listening too well.

Pete De'Atricks: Well, I think it's just the ticket! First off, somebody dies that nobody likes. Then we are forced to sit idly waiting for the police while we eat a free meal, drink and chat. I think we should do it more often!

Andy Bedpan: With or without the dead body?

Pete De'Atricks: I suppose without would be preferable, but what other excuse would there be for us all to get together like this? I'll have a think while we carry on, shall I?

Mr Colin Oscopy - Third Round

Questions you should ask:

Annie Stetic, did you visit the canteen today?

Dr Pete De'Atricks, I'm sure I saw you visiting the hospital chapel earlier today. Why was that?

Answers you should give when asked the right questions.

When asked: Colin Oscopy, why did you visit the canteen this afternoon?

Say: That wasn't MY idea. Ricky Mortice wanted a meeting with me to discuss the on call rota. He arranged it in the canteen calling it a working lunch as we're both very busy. Well, what can I say... it was certainly working, but in THAT canteen? It was hardly what I'd describe as lunch! We met, we talked, he ordered, and I left before I had to smell any of the catering up close!

When asked: Colin Oscopy, did you like Ricky Mortice?

Say: No, I didn't. And it wasn't just because he pipped me to the post as lead surgeon either. I didn't like his surgical technique, I disliked his way with the female staff, and I disagreed with many of his operational policy ideas. He didn't have much going for him really. We certainly didn't socialise together.

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Mr Colin Oscopy - Concluding Statement

Use the following dialogue to summarise your position, speaking when indicated below.

Colin Oscopy speaks first using the following dialogue:

Well! I'm glad that's all over. It was like an inquisition! I'm sure I'd face less cross-examination at a formal enquiry! Needless to say I didn't do it, but I don't expect you to take my word for that. I just hope our worthy inspector confirms it all for you.

After you have heard from all the guests make a prediction as to who the murderer is and why.

Tell the others.

Notes

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