LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In Response to ‘Rustproofing People’

We chuckled at the idea of rustproofing people and felt well-understood with Darold Treffert’s story of his mother wanting to ride on the Harley and Dr T’s own wish that he had attended fewer professional meetings and had taken flying lessons.¹

There has to be a balance between reasonable measures for health and taking the time for some joy. But do doctors get caught up in rustproofing, excessive testing and health measures, partly to build practices, to avoid errors and complaints, and out of their own persistent deep fear of death? It’s a proven fact that even a car with three coats of rustproofing will eventually go kaput. Thanks, Darold.

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