

Junk Drawer

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Junk Drawer is about the ethics of children who have interpreted for their family in the healthcare setting, especially for those who find themselves acting as a bridge between English and their native tongue. To expect a child to accurately interpret a checkup or test result is a burden on them and leaves so much space for miscommunication. It's like pulling from a junk drawer; not relevant enough to help given the limited knowledge and vocabulary. Words get tangled and signals get lost or sent out without even knowing if they mean what they're supposed to mean. And understandably so. However, bilingual children often open this junk drawer and desperately hope a hiccup in their understanding doesn't result in something detrimental for their sick family members.

