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## I Hope I'm Never on a Hospital Bed During an Earthquake

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Scientists at the University of Buffalo and its [Multidisciplinary Center for Earthquake Engineering Research](#) created a simulation of a hospital room during an earthquake. The dummy doesn't fare so well, and gets his head bashed repeatedly against the doorjam. As a bonus, he also gets bonked in the noggin by his IV stand.

Nevertheless, the simulation was apparently a success, since it was intended to demonstrate the simulation technology, not protect the dummy from a concussion. The university says they have the only system in the world that can simulate what will happen to systems, like water, sprinkler, and gas piping, in hospitals and other industrial buildings during "strong ground shaking." Watch the surprisingly entertaining video [here](#). (Note the chuckles from the peanut gallery as the dummy's head is crushed.)



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Sammie (to the anthropologist) : you allright Jay?  
Jay Whitlow (exasperated, obviously irritable) : Sure, they might better understand earthquakes but what about tornadoes?  
Sinclair (to the group) : bottoms up!  
(all five take another drink)  
Sammie (rubbing his shirtsleeve across his chin): Maybe there is a map?  
Jay Whitlow: Kansas is close to Buffalo  
Sammie (regretting his words but patient nonetheless) :Not a map of the US but a relation  
Eric Y (more tipsy than the rest and holding up his drink) : The United States is the greatest relation  
Sinclair (to Sammie amidst the nonsense) : I would rather be in the eye than in the epicenter given the choice  
Sammie (pausing, putting it together) : You've known all along? (pausing, clearly shifting gears)Either way things don't look good.  
Sinclair (to Eric Y on the most basic level) : Focus!  
(Sinclair flashes a devious look to Sammie, scheming as usual)

**Posted by: Sammie | Nov 26, 2007 7:14:04 PM**

You don't want to be on a hospital bed during a flood either, at least not in New Orleans.

**Posted by: james | Nov 26, 2007 8:33:32 PM**

yeah.. <http://www.mactanque.com>

**Posted by: gina | Nov 26, 2007 8:36:24 PM**

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