

Almost Anatomical

Everyone takes different paths to medical school. Medical student and artist Lauren Squires had a background in research science and no intention to become a doctor until she undertook a Masters in Public Health. She entered medicine without ever having taken an anatomy class, or opened a copy of *Netters*.

To cope with the steep learning curve of the University of Queensland's MD program, Lauren turned to anatomy colouring books and hand illustrating her study notes. Finding a respite from textbooks and lectures, she created *Almost Anatomical* - a passion project focussing on creating pieces of whimsical watercolour anatomy art.

"I'm interested in capturing the wonder we feel when we are first discovering how the human body works and fits together. The body is a beautiful and amazing thing- not only for how it looks, but for what it does," she said.

She loves creating pieces for medical clinics and similar places; works that are both anatomically correct and educational. She works in bright, non-anatomical colours, incorporating blooming flowers into pieces of anatomy.

Now in her fourth and final year of medicine, Lauren is predominantly based at Ipswich Hospital. Recently, she created her first large oil painting for the QEII Hospital.

"I find having a medicine-related yet creative side job has been a wonderful addition to my medical studies," she said.

"It's always an interesting talking point when sketching diagrams with patients."



LAUREN SQUIRES
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Urine my thoughts



We be-lung together



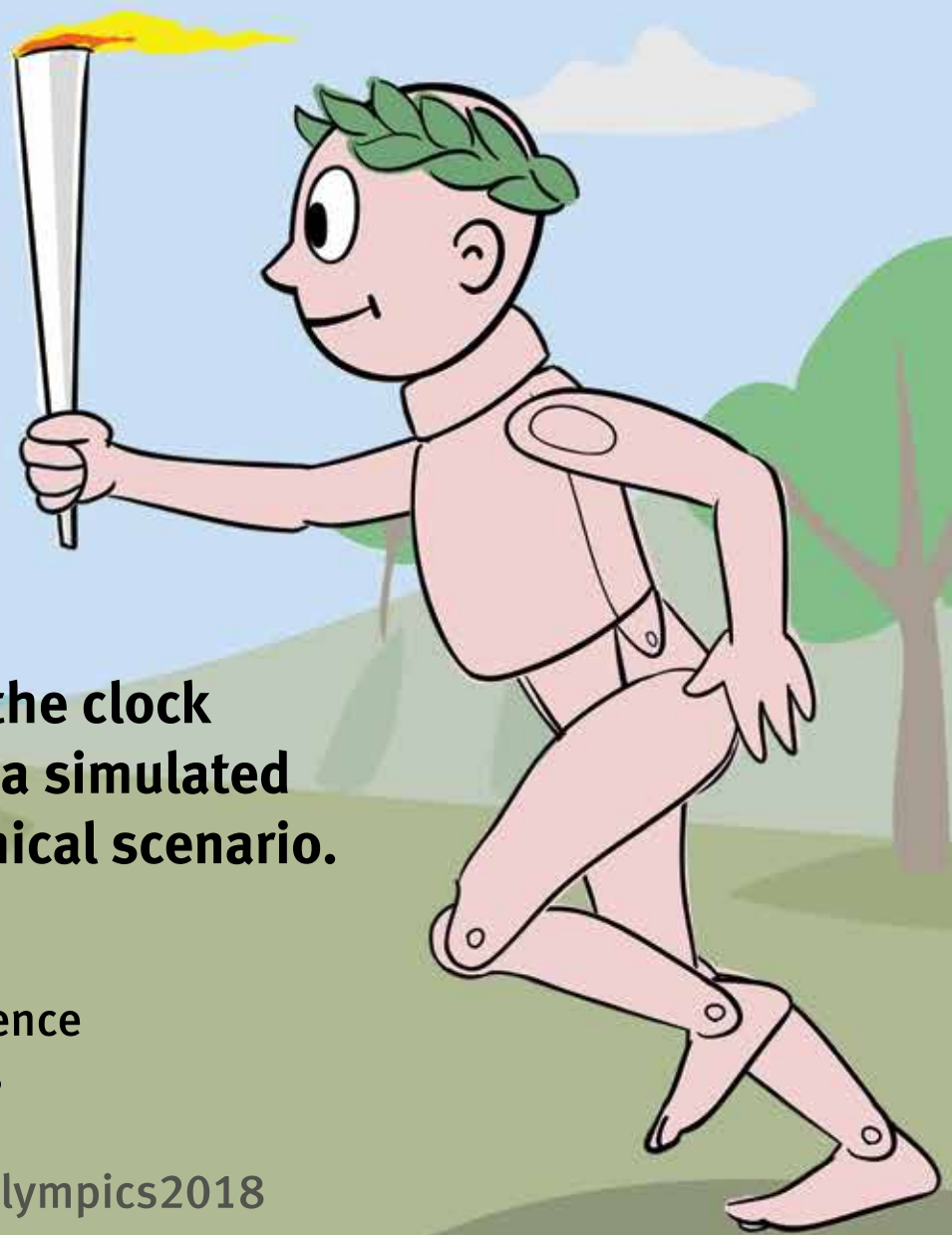
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