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HUMOR



Dear Abbe

Dear Abbe,

We have a user in our core facility that always seems to break stuff. I don't think he intends to break things, but mysteriously the equipment will develop various ailments once he's been in the room. For example, every time he steps into the SEM room the filament blows. We don't want to ban him from the facility. What can be done?

Hexed in Halifax

Dear Hexed.

Although not common this medical condition, known as "magneto-sequela" occurs in one in every 12,372.5 people. While I understand your desire to not alienate your users you must do everything in your power to keep these people away from your valuable equipment. Their peculiar form of bad vibrations is easily transmitted through any electrical system, thus they should not be allowed to control a microscope via remote microscopy, and in fact I would not even answer the phone when they call. Faced with a similar situation we arranged for two tins cans to be strung together with a fine wire and pulled taut to go from the laboratory to a nearby park. There the accursed user would scream into one of the cans while a technician on the other end patiently waited to describe what they saw through the microscope. Of course we never heard a thing and the screaming lunatic was soon hauled away by police for disturbing the peace. We all enjoyed a good laugh at his expense and soon went back to emptying wiederkoms of our favorite Pilsner.

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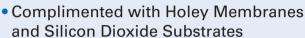
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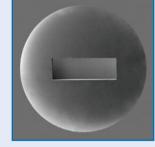
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