

Fine performances cure ills in 'The Doctor'

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NEW YORK — An arrogant physician gets a taste of his own medicine when he becomes a cancer patient in "The Doctor" (Touchstone).

Heart surgeon Jack MacKee (William Hurt) has a thriving practice, a wife Anne (Christine Lahti) he takes for granted and a son Nicky (Charlie Korsmo) he sees so rarely the kid thinks saying "hi" to Dad automatically means he's on the phone, not at home with him.

Jack's cavalier treatment of his patients comes back to haunt him when he is diagnosed with a serious throat malignancy. Now a lowly patient, he bristles at the frustration of being out of control and at the mercy of fallible medical personnel.

Help comes in the form of a fellow sufferer, June (Elizabeth Perkins), who has a brain tumor and sees right through his fake encouragement with an impatient put-down, "I'm dying; don't waste my time."

Eventually his new perspective as a patient drastically changes him at home and on the job, where he institutes a novel solution to patient-doctor relations that his interns and residents will never forget.

Based on a real-life doctor's experiences, this film directed by Randa Haines smartly conveys both sides of the coin.

Making this possible are generally fine performances from the leads and key



Touchstone Pictures
Christine Lahti (left) and William Hurt star in *The Doctor*.

minor players. Hurt's transformation from callous to caring is painful, gradual and accomplished less by dialogue than by his facial nuances and understatement.

Lahti plays a woman who can't easily communicate with her husband but can ably communicate her frustrations to the audience. As the terminal patient who copes by prayer, meditation and dancing,

Perkins is the movie's most dynamic character and the only one with any spiritual dimension, underplayed though it is.

On the down side, the doctor's transformation is sometimes choppy and the narrative lags in spots. However, many people today will relate to portrayal of the hospital experience as fraught with endless forms, personal indignities and dehumanizing, impersonal care that makes an already worrisome time seem even more difficult.

Although the movie's solution is more

sentimental than realistic, the prescription offered could make some headway in curing the above ills.

Because of a suggestive song lyric, minimal rough language and graphic shots of open heart surgery, the U.S. Catholic Conference classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents are strongly cautioned that some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.



Columbia Pictures Industries
In his motion-picture debut, Brian Bosworth plays a heroic undercover cop recruited to infiltrate an outlaw biker gang in *Stone Cold*.

'Stone Cold'

Landing a role in "Stone Cold" (Columbia) would seem a snap. You apparently need only to agree to be blown to bits or gunned to gore. Nothing else worth mentioning happens to 99 percent of the cast in director Craig R. Baxley's ultra-violent bloodbath.

Certainly, pitting hunky former football star Brian Bosworth as an FBI plant in an outlaw bikers' gang led by Lance Henriksen — who looks like a middle-aged, left-over acid freak — is no contest. One character after another ends up stone cold and that's also how this macho trash will leave you feeling.

Because of excessive violence and rough language, women degraded as sex objects and occasional nudity, the USCC classification is O — morally offensive. The MPAA rating is R — restricted.

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