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BBC TELEVISION SERIES SEEKS MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS WILLING TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES OF PAST BIZARRE MEDICAL CASES.

Maverick Television are making a second series of the prime-time BBC TV medical documentary *Bizarre ER*, focusing on the most bizarre, unusual and extraordinary cases that are treated by emergency medicine.

The production team are looking to speak to **medical professionals** from around the world, willing to share the most remarkable accidents, injuries or other cases they may have encountered in recent years, with the proviso that the patients concerned made a substantial recovery afterwards.

They are specifically interested in:

- A story with a very unusual **wound, fracture, other injury or symptoms**
- A bizarre **accident** – either in terms of its impact on the body, or the details of the accident itself
- Something that calls for a curious form of **treatment or operation**
- Or a fairly commonplace injury which was sustained in improbable or amusing **circumstances**

Among the cases they explored last series were:

- A man who fell into a concrete mixer, severing his limbs – but who was stitched back together by skilled surgeons who used his toes as fingers.
- A schoolboy who fell over in the playground, had a pencil in his pocket spear his chest, and walked around for several weeks unaware that the pencil was lodged in his lung.
- A man who was nearly killed by a severe allergic reaction to a hamster bite.

The series is fundamentally respectful of both the medical profession and those patients who consent to take part. The programme-makers abide by strict BBC guidelines which ensure that everyone is portrayed fairly. As Maverick Television is an experienced producer of several medical series and would never dare to undermine or discredit the strict rules of patient confidentiality, we are, at this stage only asking **medical professionals** to contact us with examples and **NOT** with the patients' details.

If there's anything you think might be appropriate for the programme, please contact Samantha Williams at Maverick's London offices on +44 20 7874 6675 or email s.williams@mavericktv.co.uk

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