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In the Medical Staff Lounge

"Two heads are better than one—except on a calf."

Folk saying

"I saw that fellow in 308 for you. I put a note on his chart. Do you think Allied Chemical will go up any more?"

"The woman in 419 is going out fast. Better get an ECG for the record. To cover yourself."

"Try ampicillin if tetracycline doesn't work. Are you going to Henry's party this Saturday?"

"In that case, advise the operation. If there's any doubt in their minds, call me and I'll confirm your opinion."

"He's ninety-seven years old and in uremic coma for the past three days. Drop in and take a look at him for me, will you?"

"Metastases all over the body, fluid in the chest, down to 80 pounds from 170, and the family wants a consultation. So consult, please."

"Rule out infection. Get a culture. You can tell his wife we agreed on it."

"Who's he? I never saw him before. Does he have hospital privileges here? Who called him in consultation?"