

SUNBEAMS

My doctor is nice; every time I see him, I'm ashamed of what I think of doctors in general.

Mignon McLaughlin

I recently went to a new doctor and noticed he was located in something called the "Professional Building." I felt better right away.

George Carlin

People coming away from a session with Dr. S. usually looked as if they had had fifty minutes on the anvil with an apprentice blacksmith.

Margaret Halsey

Who ever said that doctors are truthful or even intelligent? You're getting a lot if they know their profession. Don't ask any more from them. They're only human, after all.

Marjorie Karmel

Formerly, when religion was strong and science weak, men mistook magic for medicine; now, when science is strong and religion weak, men mistake medicine for magic.

Thomas Szasz

The . . . patient should be made to understand that he or she must take charge of his own life. Don't take your body to the doctor as if he were a repair shop.

Quentin Regestein

In order to be a good doctor a man must also have a good character; that is to say, whatever weaknesses and foibles he may have, he must love his fellow human beings in the concrete and desire their good before his own.

W.H. Auden

One day Joseph Lister was summoned to assist a wealthy lord with a fishbone that had lodged at the back of his throat. After Lister had skillfully removed the obstruction, the grateful patient asked him what he was owed. "My lord," Lister suggested, "suppose we settle for half of what you would be willing to give me if the bone were still lodged in your throat."

The Little, Brown Book of Anecdotes

Financial ruin from medical bills is almost exclusively an American disease.

Roul Turley

America's healthcare system is neither healthy, caring, nor a system.

Walter Cronkite

The field of Western medicine has become literally nothing but medicine. Doctors are on their way out, to be replaced by self-serve pharmaceutical vending machines.

Grey Livingston

The doctor of the future will give no medicine but will interest his patients in the care of the human frame, in diet, and in the cause and prevention of disease.

Thomas Edison

In the sick room, ten cents' worth of human understanding equals ten dollars' worth of medical science.

Martin H. Fischer

In medicine, as in statecraft and propaganda, words are sometimes the most powerful drugs we can use.

Sara Murray Jordan

The power of love to change bodies is legendary, built into folklore, common sense, and everyday experience. Love moves the flesh, it pushes matter around. . . . Throughout history, "tender loving care" has uniformly been recognized as a valuable element in healing.

Larry Dossey

Oh, the powers of nature. She knows what we need, and the doctors know nothing.

Benvenuto Cellini

I have two doctors, my left leg and my right.

G.M. Trevelyan

Drugs are not always necessary. Belief in recovery always is.

Norman Cousins

My doctors told me I would never walk again. My mother told me I would. I believed my mother.

Olympic gold medalist Wilma Rudolph

Our body is a machine for living. It is organized for that; it is its nature. Let life go on in it unhindered and let it defend itself. It will do more than if you paralyze it by encumbering it with remedies.

Leo Tolstoy

Now and then, at the sulfur baths, I meet a perfect specimen of health and vitality who was given up by the doctors years ago. They all tell the same story; they forgot their ailments, they ignored them, they found something to do — something of a serviceable nature — which made them forget themselves.

Henry Miller

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