

## Unit 20 — Medical Slang



### **Albatross**

a chronically ill patient who will remain in hospital until they die

"We try to provide comfort to the albatrosses, even though we cannot cure them."

### **Appy**

an appendicitis operation, or severe appendix pain

"He presented complaining of an appy."

### **Bounceback**

a patient who is readmitted to hospital after being discharged

"If a doctor gets too many bouncebacks, it raises questions over his original diagnosis."

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