Unit 20 — Medical Slang



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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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