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Quotes about Medicine

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I am dying from the treatment of too many physicians.

- Alexander The Great

To array a man's will against his sickness is the supreme art of medicine.

- Beecher, Henry Ward

The Lord hath created medicines out of the earth: and he that is wise will not abhor them.

Was not the water made sweet with wood, that the virtue thereof might be known?

[Ecclesiasticus 38:4-5]

- Bible

Before undergoing a surgical operation, arrange your temporal affairs. You may live.

- Bierce, Ambrose

The best medicine I know for rheumatism is to thank the Lord it ain't the gout.

- Billings, Josh

The best cure for the body is a quiet mind.

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

Water, air, and cleanness are the chief articles in my pharmacy.

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

Medicines are only fit for old people.

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

Medicine is a collection of uncertain prescriptions, the results of which, taken collectively, are more fatal than useful to mankind.

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

What can't be cured must be endured.

- Burton, Robert

Vaccination is the medical sacrament corresponding to baptism.

- Butler, Samuel

The whole imposing edifice of modern medicine is like the celebrated tower of Pisa
--slightly off balance.

- Charles, Prince Of Wales

He is the best physician who is the most ingenious inspirer of hope.

- Coleridge, Samuel Taylor

Like a celestial chaperon, the placebo leads us through the uncharted passageways of mind and gives us a greater sense of infinity than if we were to spend all our days with our eyes hypnotically glued to the giant telescope at Mt. Palomar. What we see ultimately is that the placebo isn't really necessary and that the mind can carry out its difficult and wondrous missions unprompted by little pills. The placebo is only a tangible object made essential in an age that feels uncomfortable with intangibles, an age that prefers to think that every inner effect must have an outer cause. Since it has size and shape and can be hand-held, the placebo satisfies the contemporary craving for visible mechanisms and visible answers . The placebo, then, is an emissary between the will to live and the body.

- Cousins, Norman

Today's medicine is at the end of its road. It can no longer be transformed, modified, readjusted. That's been tried too often. Today's medicine must DIE in order to be reborn. We must prepare its complete renovation.

- Delort, Maurice

Some fell by laudanum, and some by steel, and death in ambush lay in every pill.

- Garth, Sir Samuel

The orthodox school has witnessed for centuries that nature itself has never once cured any existing disease with another dissimilar one, however intense. What must we think of this school, which nevertheless has continued to treat chronic diseases allopathically, with medicines and formulas that can only cause a disease condition --God knows which

--dissimilar to the one being treated? Even if these physicians have not hitherto observed nature attentively enough, the miserable results of their treatment should have taught them that they were on the wrong road.

- Hahnemann, Samuel

What medicines do not heal, the lance will; what the lance does not heal, fire will.

- Hippocrates

Walking is a man's best medicine.

- Hippocrates

I firmly believe that if the whole material medical could be sunk to the bottom of the sea, it would be all the better for mankind, and all the worse for the sea.

- Holmes, Oliver Wendell

Modern medicine is a negation of health. It isn't organized to serve human health, but only itself, as an institution. It makes more people sick than it heals.

- Illich, Ivan

A little rebellion now and then... is a medicine necessary for the sound health of government.

- Jefferson, Thomas

While Homeopathy itself is a perfect science, its truth is only partially known. The truth itself relates to the Divine, the knowledge relates to man.

- Kent, James Tyler

Chemotherapy and radiotherapy will make the ancient method of drilling holes in a patient's head to permit the escape of demons look relatively advanced. Toxic chemotherapy is a hoax. The doctors who use it are guilty of pre-meditated murder, and the use of cobalt and other methods of cancer treatment popular today effectively closes the door on cure.

- Krebs, Jr., Ernst T.

We have to ask ourselves whether medicine is to remain a humanitarian and respected profession or a new but depersonalized science in the service of prolonging life rather than diminishing human suffering.

- KuBler-Ross, Elisabeth

They had me on the operating table all day. They looked into my stomach, my gall bladder, they examined everything inside of me. Know what they decided? I need glasses.

- Lewis, Joe E.

There are three subjects on which the knowledge of the medical profession in general is woefully weak; they are manners, morals, and medicine.

- Lieberman, Gerald F.

To live by medicine is to live horribly.

- Linnaeus, Carolus

Since the regimentation of Medicine by quacks and medical gangsters in control of the American Medical Association, this organization has become one of the most vicious rackets in the country.

- Loffler, Charles Lyman

God help the patient.

- Mansfield, Lord

Injections are the best thing ever invented for feeding doctors.

- Marquez, Gabriel Garcia

Medicine heals doubts as well as diseases.

- Marx, Karl

It requires a great deal of faith for a man to be cured by his own placebos.

- McClenahan, John L.

I was not long since in a company where I was not who of my fraternity brought news of a kind of pills, by true account, composed of a hundred and odd several ingredients;

whereat we laughed very heartily, and made ourselves good sport; for what rock so hard were able to resist the shock or withstand the force of so thick and numerous a battery?

- Montaigne, Michel Eyquem De

The very first requirement in a hospital is that it should do the sick no harm.

- Nightingale, Florence

I was under medication when I made the decision not to burn the tapes.

- Nixon, Richard M.

Medicine is a science of uncertainty and an art of probability.

- Osler, Sir William

The desire to take medicine is perhaps the greatest feature which distinguishes man from animals.

- Osler, Sir William

Medicine is not only a science; it is also an art. It does not consist of compounding pills and plasters; it deals with the very processes of life, which must be understood before they may be guided.

- Paracelsus, Philipus A.

The only medicine that does women more good than harm is dress.

- Paul, Jean

They do certainly give very strange, and newfangled, names to diseases.

- Plato

He who lives by medical prescriptions lives miserably.

- Proverb

Quackery has no friend like gullibility.

- Proverb

Desperate maladies require desperate remedies.

- Proverb, French

It is medicine, not scenery, for which a sick man must go searching.

- Seneca

By medicine life may be prolonged, yet death will seize the doctor too.

- Shakespeare, William

Some remedies are worse than the disease.

- Syrus, Publilius

In medicine sins of commission are mortal, sins of omission are venial.

- Tronchin, Theodore

Sleep is better than medicine.

- Unknown, Source

The art of medicine consists of amusing the patient while nature cures the disease.

- Voltaire

She saw she had fallen into the hands of one of those doctors who have strayed too far from apparent in the direction of the soul.

- West, Rebecca

Do not forget: in medicine, there are more important things than life and death: dollars and cents.

- Kocher, Gerhard

Medicine knows no limits, especially not its own.

- Kocher, Gerhard

From year to year, it is more obvious: the goal of medicine is not health but the further extension of the health system.

- Kocher, Gerhard

You can't treat a car like a patient. A car needs love.

- Kocher, Gerhard

Mankind has survived all catastrophes. It will also survive modern medicine.

- Kocher, Gerhard

Many of us will die for science without knowing it.

- Kocher, Gerhard



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