

OSLER'S

NOTES

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(Source: Teaching and Thinking, in Aequanimitas, 126.)

Give the time needed for the patient.

The clinician who keeps one eye on his watch while in the wards is rarely successful.

(Source: On the Influence of a Hospital upon the Medical Profession of a Community. Albany Med Ann 1901; 22:1-11.)

Welcome your younger colleagues.

It is the duty of the older man to look on the younger one who settles near him not as a rival, but as a son. He will do to you just what you did to the old practitioner, when, as a young man, you started – get a good many of your cases; but if you have the sense to realise that this is inevitable, unavoidable, and the way of the world, and if you have the sense to talk over, in a friendly way, the first delicate situation that arises, the difficulties will disappear and recurrences may be made impossible.

(Source: Unity, Peace, and Concord, in Aequanimitas, 440.)