Puzzling Over Medical Mysteries
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Modern medicine is so advanced, it’s easy to assume nowadays that diagnostic and therapeutic choices are clear-cut. But there are still many medical mysteries, which doctors puzzle over in sessions known as “morbidity and mortality” conferences. Here’s an inside look at an “M&M” at Dartmouth-Hitchcock.

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Today’s quarantining of SARS patients recalls an earlier era, when Americans suffering from a common and often-fatal respiratory illness—tuberculosis—were isolated from society in sanatoriums. New Hampshire residents with TB were cared for at a serene mountainside retreat.

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As doctors work through puzzling cases in sessions called “morbidity and mortality” conferences, the whiteboard at the front of the room gets filled with notations. This photo of Jonathan Ross, director of DHMC’s medicine “M&Ms,” is by Jon Gilbert Fox. The associated story starts on page 32.