




Medical Horoscopes


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 **Aries** (March 21–April 20): All endeavors of a creative nature will pay off this week, but first you must finish what you've started—like disimpacting the patient in room 419. Be on guard if a colleague asks you to switch call for the weekend. With Mars entering Venus, there's no telling how many STDs will walk through the door.


 **Taurus** (April 21–May 21): This is a good time for pursuing your favorite hobby—filling out Medicare forms. Focus on your sickest patients and confuse things by using obscure CPT codes. With the moon in Pisces, hospital committee meetings will be even more boring than usual. Find a reason to stay late at the office.


 **Gemini** (May 22–June 21): This is a favorable time for all Geminis. Expect no admissions after 3 PM, no calls after midnight, and no requests for free medical advice at dinner parties. The Sun in Aries makes this a good time to catch up on your journals. Don't worry if the articles are too long. Just read the abstracts.


 **Cancer** (June 22–July 23): A managed care administrator figures prominently in your week. Attention revolves around fewer tests and early discharge. Be creative—turf the patient to surgery. Your lucky number is 14.


 **Leo** (July 24–Aug 23): Professionally you will be very much in demand this week and certain initials will play a prominent role in your work. Keep a watchful eye for I&D, QNS, CYA, and DNR. Be sure your beeper has a new battery.


 **Virgo** (Aug 24–Sept 23): Jupiter, the planet of good luck, crosses your solar chart on Monday making this a great week. You will pick up a physical finding that everyone else missed, an eager medical student will do all of your scut, and Mr Smith's family won't be in his room when you stop by on rounds.


 **Libra** (Sept 24–Oct 23): Attention to detail is the key to success this week. Don't forget to glove up for rectals, and be prepared to duck when culturing a 4-year-old with a sore throat and nausea. If you're suturing a routine laceration and the patient says he cut himself inside a UFO, call for backup.

 **Scorpio** (Oct 24–Nov 22): A clash of ideas could lead to a food fight at your next staff meeting—Gemini, Virgo, and Scorpio are involved. The Capricorn moon emphasizes mystery and intrigue. Watch out for red herrings, lost specimens, and a lipoma the size of Nebraska.

 **Sagittarius** (Nov 23–Dec 21): You may feel on top of the world, but nursing home requests are piling up like hotcakes. Placement is difficult, so bring lots of donuts to the nurse's station and stay on good terms with the social workers. A change in strategy is required if you plan on making it home by 9 PM. Don't forget flowers.

 **Capricorn** (Dec 22–Jan 20): A dynamic aspect between the Sun and Mars signifies that you will ask some terrific questions at Grand Rounds. Take a moment to enjoy the accolades your colleagues bestow on you. Then get back to work and see a few hundred patients so your HMO doesn't fire you.

 **Aquarius** (Jan 21–Feb 19): With Mars pulling in one direction and Pluto the other, expect to spend a lot of time in OB this week. Pitocin is good, but forceps are better. You will be told by someone you admire, "You have a way with foreskins."

 **Pisces** (Feb 20–March 20): An explosive aspect between the Sun and Mercury means there will be a lot of rotavirus going around. Remember to wash your hands. Although your planetary influences are in a favorable position, no power in the universe can keep drug reps away from the office. Consider calling in sick.

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