

## Practicing Medicine on the Presidents



*Everyone comes down with a cold or the flu now and then—but what happens when the President of the United States comes down with something worse? Name the presidents who experienced the following medical conditions while in office.*

1. Carrying at least two lead bullets lodged in his body from duels, this president suffered seizures and severe gastrointestinal troubles, and contracted tuberculosis while in office.
  - James Madison
  - Andrew Jackson
  - John Tyler
  - James K. Polk
2. This president developed cancer from smoking the cigars he loved. A surgeon removed a portion of tissue from the inside of his mouth as well as much of his left upper jaw, replacing it with a rubber prosthesis. The news of this was not released to the public, who was assured that the president's health was fine.
  - Rutherford B. Hayes
  - Chester A. Arthur
  - Grover Cleveland
  - James A. Garfield
3. On a nationwide speaking tour near the end of his term in office, this president suffered a massive stroke that paralyzed the left side of his body. He was thereafter confined to a wheelchair and unable to walk without assistance.
  - Woodrow Wilson
  - Benjamin Harrison
  - Warren G. Harding
  - Calvin Coolidge
4. Due to polio, this president was confined to a wheelchair and could only stand if supported. During his last months in office, even while he ran for reelection, his health continued to deteriorate as the result of other conditions, causing him sometimes to black out while working at his desk and to nod off during conversations.
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower
  - Herbert Hoover
  - Franklin D. Roosevelt
  - John F. Kennedy

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