A Difficult Case

Disengagement from medical care

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"I understood that Mrs Cameron had been hospitalised for two years (and, accordingly) it included her current admission to the general surgical unit. However, I had no knowledge of the other admissions to the general surgical unit..." [redacted]

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