A coin, two-sided – by Chris Chang

You will receive a call that your patient has died unexpectedly; you were the last person to see her alive and the case is under review.

You will examine every detail of that patient’s visit, combing the chart (and your memory) for any missed signs of illness. You will doubt yourself and everything you do that day, and the next, and the next.

Later you will check on a patient the one you were reminded of by the other phone call; she will tell you I’m feeling a lot better, thanks. Thanks so much for your care and attention.