

IMPRESSION: Evaluated for the question of activity of his sarcoidosis. He has a previous diagnosis of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Pulmonary examination reveals a restriction. He has non-Hodgkin's lymphoma after his sarcoid. Of course I didn't see him then. He was on chemotherapy, radiation, steroids. He said he weighed 310 pounds. He stopped his chemotherapy, went to a holistic doctor and there is no evidence of the lymphoma at this time. There is something striking about him though. I remember the guy and what I remember is his voice. He had a baritone voice that was striking and now he sounds like Gravel Gertie, and he has this weird shortness of breath that is not just exercise related – he gets it when he talks on the phone, he gets it when he does anything that involves his larynx.

OBJECTIVES: I am going to bet you one dollar against a British farthing that he has got a partially paralyzed left vocal cord probably from the radiotherapy, probably from the lymphadenopathy and his aortic knuckle. Now that is such a cool diagnosis I cannot stand it. The question is, is it correct? I have a hunch it is correct, because it came to me like instantly and in a flash, and those are usually right. We are going to get some scans and try to dope this out. He is using a lot of bronchodilator and only gets a tiny bit of effect. I think he has a paralyzed left vocal cord. His baritone is gone, Gravel Gertie has appeared and he has an abnormal inspiratory portion of his loop. We are going to get some tests and try to dope this out, and we will see how things are going. Weight is stable, otherwise he looks okay. It is going to need some careful workup.