

Q: How can the Rav say that the doctors don't know what they are talking about? If these doctors would instruct a sick person to eat on Yom Kippur, he would be required to follow their instructions. Obviously their opinions have weight!

A: We must respect their knowledge, and may therefore not endanger a life by disregarding their instructions. When they despair, however, we must remember that there is more that they do not know than that which they do, and we should not lose hope based on their ignorance.