**Did You Know?**

All US Presidents have struggled with medical problems before and during their time in office.

**Diagnosis of early presidential ailments is difficult and often controversial.**

Eisenhower signed the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1956 (which launched the interstate highway system) in a hospital room while recovering from surgery.

**Hail To The (Unhealthy?) Chief**

Kennedy was given the last rites several times before becoming president.

Wilson missed nine months of cabinet meetings and relied heavily on his wife to run the government while recovering from a stroke.

Researchers are uncertain whether US Presidents have longer or shorter than normal life spans.

US presidents and candidates are not required to disclose their medical records.

Coolidge never recovered from the death of his son who died from an infection caused by a blister on his foot, which developed during a tennis match on the White House grounds.

Reagan lost half his blood after an assassin’s bullet landed 1 inch from his heart.

Eight US presidents have died in office. Four died from gunshot wounds.

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