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- Do we need to memorize lots of proofs?

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Problem 3 (Serious answers please!)

Given that none of the numbers involved are zero, is it possible that both hospitals have got their calculations right? If so, which hospital would you rather be treated by?

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