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If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

$$\frac{a}{a+b} + \frac{b}{b+c} + \frac{c}{c+a} + \frac{9(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{8(a+b+c)^2} \geq \frac{15}{8}$$

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$$\sum \frac{a^2}{a^2 + ab} + \frac{9(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{8(a+b+c)^2} \geq \frac{15}{8} \text{ or}$$

$$\frac{(a+b+c)^2}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + ab + bc + ca} + \frac{9(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{8(a+b+c)^2} \geq \frac{15}{8} \text{ or}$$

$$\frac{\sum a^2 + 2 \sum ab}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + ab + bc + ca} + \frac{9(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{8(\sum a^2 + 2 \sum ab)} \geq \frac{15}{8} \quad (1)$$

let $\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{ab + bc + ca} = t \geq 1$ then from(1)we get:

$$\frac{t+2}{t+1} + \frac{9t}{8(t+2)} \geq \frac{15}{8} \text{ or } 8(t+2)^2 + 9t(t+1) \geq 15(t+1)(t+2)$$

or $8(t^2 + 4t + 4) + 9t^2 + 9t \geq 15(t^2 + 3t + 2)$ or

$$2(t^2 - 2t + 1) \geq 0 \text{ or } (t-1)^2 \geq 0 \text{ (true)}$$

Equality for $t = 1$ or $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = ab + bc + ca$ or $a = b = c$