DOCTOR-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP ROLE-PLAYS

- 1. You are a new patient seeking care for diabetes that is not well-controlled. You believe insulin causes blindness and leads to amputation.
- 2. You are a new patient seeking to establish care; you do not like doctors, but you are concerned that you and your partner have not been able to get pregnant.
- 3. You have been hospitalized in anticipation of a serious surgery. The hospitalist team is rounding on you for the first time (attending, resident, medical student).
- 4. You are a somewhat belligerent teen here with his/her mom/dad. You are upset your parents are divorcing. Your doctor is trying to get to know you.
- 5. You have been diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer. You would like to talk to your doctor about end of life issues (fears/worries; goals/priorities; what could sacrifice/what is unacceptable).

OBSERVERS: How does the medical student build the relationship, verbally and nonverbally? Note specific behaviors. Any missteps? Any other things that might be done?