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Comments to Editor:

I can't help it, I find this essay really sweet. On the whole, the author has adequately addressed reviewer concerns. However, I would recommend inserting the following sentence at the bottom of pg 3, as I am still concerned the essay as stands does not sufficiently acknowledge reviewer 2's objection that it makes most doctors sound heartless and uncaring:

"From what I've seen as a medical student, most doctors want to share these moments of vulnerability with their patients and support them in their suffering. However, not all doctors are always able or willing to take the time to connect with their patients as I was able to do with Jose."

Also, there are still several grammatical/spelling errors, enumerated below.

Comments to Author:

Great job, this is a very touching essay. Thank you for an excellent cover note that delineated all your changes. On the whole, you did an excellent job of addressing reviewer concerns, and in particular in clarifying the "lesson learned." However, in my read, the essay as written still seems a little harsh toward practicing physicians. Please consider inserting the following sentence Pg 3, line 55, after "medications", and delete the sentence that follows "However, not all doctors...":

"From what I've seen as a medical student, most doctors want to share these moments of vulnerability with their patients and support them in their suffering. However, not all doctors are always able or willing to take the time to connect with their patients as I was able to do with Jose."

There are still a few grammatical/spelling errors. Please correct these:

- 1) Pg 1, line 50 - devote should be devout**
- 2) Pg 2, line 9-11, probably better "... seen a thoracocentesis before. To be honest..."**
- 3) Pg 2, line 21, "As they began, the..."**
- 4) Pg 2, line 24, lugs should be lungs**
- 5) Pg 2, line 29, captivated by**
- 6) Pg 2, line 34, "caught a glimpse..."**
- 7) Pg 2, line 42, day in and day out (no hyphens)**
- 8) Pg 2, line 52, "Feeling the heavy burden of fear radiating from the patient" probably better than "With the heavy burden... man"**
- 9) Pg 3, line 3, "I did the only thing that occurred to me" probably better than "of which I could think" (awkward construction, although grammatically correct)**

Thank you for this revised submission.