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COMMENTS TO EDITOR: This is a well-written account with a clearly discernable lesson for the resident. I like that it tells the story of a home visit. It needs minor revision, especially in the last paragraph, which is awkward as it stands. I offer the author some specific suggestions below.

COMMENTS TO AUTHOR: I appreciate the changes, both large and small. I believe on the whole you've solved the problems the reviewers' found with the story, with a few minor exceptions noted below:

Maybe it's just me, but I continue to find the driving past houses very confusing. It sounds as though first you are driving toward your patient's house (lines 25-26), then away from your patient's house (lines 32-34). Yet, the next sentence (line 35) has you in front of your patient's house. Too complicated for too little pay-off. Please delete lines 32-34.

The language "gentleman" (line 46, p2) and "lady" (line 47, p. 3) sound very formal. What about changing to "individual" and "woman"?

You've made a god start with the final paragraph, but it still needs some work. Consider the following:

Dr. Abayo turns toward me, grinning. "Dr. Khan, when I moved here from Sudan a mere 2 weeks ago, I did not expect to face social challenges taking care of patients in what I always thought of as the most prosperous country in the world. As you probably noticed, I was not completely comfortable in this high-crime neighborhood and the visit was less than perfect. However, in the clinic setting we might not have been able to help this patient or get to know her as a person. I got an important reminder today - it is all about the patient and not about me. Thank you for this experience." To my surprise, he pulls out a noutbook and reads a passage that I recognize as an excerpt from Maya Angelou: "We should know..."

Please notice appropriate punctuation and capitalization.

Thank you for your continuing effort to craft the best possible narrative from this powerful experience.