

**COMMENTS TO EDITOR:** These poems received one enthusiastic review and one overall positive review. I think they're some of the best we've received and am strongly in favor of publishing all three as a kind of "linked verse," as reviewer 1 suggests: a portion of a day in the life of a family physician. I liked the shirting voices - interplay between doctor and patient in the first and third poems, 1st person patient in the second. I disagree with the second reviewer in terms of their power. Although they do not wear their heart on their sleeve, I found them quite moving. They are also very well crafted.

**COMMENTS TO AUTHOR:** These are all three poignant, powerful poems. Their craft, wordsmithing, and wordplay are a real pleasure. At the same time, the poems are emotionally evocative. One reviewer recommended removal of the adverb "hoarsely"; I liked it, but please consider whether the line reads better without it.