

**COMMENTS TO EDITOR:** This submission is a speech given at a New Resident Patient Handover Ceremony. As the author states, it is analogous to a White Coat Ceremony. Although the sentiments expressed are uplifting, I do not feel this qualifies as a narrative essay. I would recommend rejection, perhaps inviting the author to rewrite as a story and resubmit.

**COMMENTS TO AUTHOR:** Dear, thank you for sharing the Patient Handover Ceremony your residency has developed. It is a wonderful idea, and something that could certainly be inspiring to others. The sentiments expressed in the accompanying speech represent all that is best about family medicine.

However, in its present form, the submission is not suitable for the journal's narrative essay section. As written, it is a speech (albeit a beautiful one), not a story. The category of "narrative essays" is intended for papers that tell narrative stories that are relevant and interesting to our readers. You might consider revising the submission so that it tells a story, for example, how a particular resident (or residents) were affected by the ceremony and speech, and how this conscious transition helped to shape their practice of medicine. Or perhaps you could tell a story about the ceremony itself, how you feel delivering these words, how the new residents respond to receiving their patient lists, what comments are shared etc.

Again, I commend you and your residency for this innovative concept.