

Editor Comments:

I recommend acceptance, with very minor editing. This was a funny, well-written article. I could not identify all the recommended revisions from reviewer 1 (see note below), but I did like many of the cuts and edits I found), as well as the revision of the last line. I actually disagree with the grammatical suggestions of reviewer 2 in points 2a and 2b. I'd ask the author to consider the suggestions carefully, especially the recommendations of reviewer 1, but leave the final decisions in his hands.

One technical note - reviewer 1 edited the whole essay, but with the exception of the last line, it is impossible to figure out the suggested changes unless you do a line by line comparison (very tedious). I wonder if I should add a line for these short essays that if the reviewer is moved to this level of editing, they should use track-change and then attach the revised ms.

Author Comments:

This is a funny, well-written piece that illustrates how patients shape their doctors' lives as much as the opposite! Several minor reviews are suggested. Please pay particular attention to reviewer 1 (full edit of ms), which tighten the article, keep the focus, and eliminate a few a few attempts at humor (George Clooney, asparagus lollipops) that seemed a bit strained. Please also consider using this reviewer's suggested last line, which brings the essay full circle in a very satisfying way.