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**COMMENTS TO EDITOR:** recommend acceptance of this article. I don't think either reviewer really grasped what the thrust of a narrative essay should be - this isn't really the place to cite a lot of research. In fact, I felt there is too much research and too little of the personal experience in this essay, as I've indicated below. I'm not familiar enough with the literature to know about the level of commentary on the Sibert NY Times pieces, but I imagine it is high. However, in terms of redundancy, I don't think there has been a reaction to her piece in FM, so I'm not too bothered by this criticism. I also feel the article does address the challenges of part-time practice adequately, in contrast to the comments of Reviewer 2. I do make a few recommendations to the author.

**COMMENTS TO AUTHOR:** Dear, Thank you for this brief essay on a topic that concerns so many family docs (and physicians in general). In a short space, you bring to the attention of the reader how you have successfully structured part-time practice, as well as including relevant research.

The narrative essay section is intended to be a personal reflection. This does not mean that you cannot cite relevant research. But I would like to ask you to consider thinking more deeply about what it has been like for you and your family and your patients to be a part-time doc all these years; and to be willing to share some of these thoughts. You still have about 75 words to play with; and you might consider reducing the research cited to make room for a little larger window into your life.