

## **FM REVIEW COMMENTS 2013 2**

**COMMENTS TO EDITOR:** This essay discusses the importance of training advocacy skills in residents, certainly a critical topic. However, in my reading, it comes across too much like an opinion piece, despite the obligatory reference to a specific encounter with a specific resident. I'd recommend rejecting, but encouraging the author to rewrite telling a story (see below) and resubmit.

**COMMENTS TO AUTHOR:** We appreciate your focusing on a neglected topic of great importance in residency training, learning how to advocate for patients. The journal has a strict policy of not publishing opinion pieces, and unfortunately, as written, your essay reads more like opinion than like narrative. We cannot accept the essay in its present form. If you would like to rewrite the piece so as to tell a story (focusing on the specific encounter with the resident; including detail and dialogue to show, rather than tell, how you went about teaching this resident skills of patient advocacy; addressing how you dealt with (and perhaps resolved) the resident's frustration; reflecting on what the encounter taught you as a preceptor etc.) we would be happy to reconsider it.