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COMMENTS TO EDITOR: This is a solidly written reflection. It describes a wonderful mentor, then goes on to make a not-very-useful distinction between being a doctor and being a physician in an effort to speak to what it means to be a healer. It is a good piece, but given our intention to elevate our criteria for the narrative essay section, I'd say that it does not contain anything especially new or original. I recommend reject.

COMMENTS TO AUTHOR: Dear Dr., this is a well-written essay, and I loved the statement by your mentor Dr. Gonzales: "This is my job: I make people cry." Truly memorable. Unfortunately, although the ideas you express are admirable and well-reflect family medicine values, the essay does not contain many other truly original insights. The narrative essay section is only able to accept 20 essays a year. This means that we must turn away many worthy submissions. I'm sorry we cannot accept your work, but please know we are very happy you are out there practicing with such a humane and compassionate philosophy.