

## **FM REVIEW COMMENTS 2013 10**

**COMMENTS TO EDITOR:** This is a sweet and touching essay, but on balance I don't think it adds much insight from the perspective of our readers, all of whom already have a sophisticated understanding of the doctor-patient relationship. The author is surely to be commended for her sensitivity to the foundational nature of this relationship, but in my view the essay is just not quite right for our journal.

**COMMENTS TO AUTHOR:** Dear, this is a lovely, heartfelt essay. It is well-written and the image of a guide is very apropos as a metaphor for the patient-doctor relationship. However, despite the essay's strengths, it does not contribute sufficiently new insights to be appropriate for our readership of sophisticated family medicine educators. I commend your sensitivity to the importance of the patient-doctor relationship as foundational to good patient care, and hope you will find an outlet for these very worthy reflections.