

## **FM REVIEW COMMENTS 2013 28**

**COMMENTS TO EDITOR II:** I have liked this essay from the beginning, although reviewers were quite split (as am I and X). In my view, it tells a sweet story about the relationship between a physician and his elderly patient, while making points about how little of what truly matters in the interaction can be coded in the EHR. The author has cleaned up grammatical and stylistic issues, and has made several points clearer. I recommend accepting this submission.

Xdoes make a good point that it is not clear that this is a fictional story, as the author states in his revision cover letter (especially since the story is told in the first person). I think we could easily clarify this issue by having the author note as much in a footnote. What do you think? I have no problem accepting a fictionalized account (I believe we have done so in the past, e.g., Mrs. S's Lesson and Dream, as well as some of the poems). To me it is a lovely fable about the essence of patient-doctor relationships in Family Medicine; and the (sometimes) failed promise of the PCMH to prioritize and protect this essence.

**COMMENTS TO AUTHOR II:** Thank you for clarifying that this is a fictionalized story. I understand your reasoning that, as such, you want to keep the didactics (what you learned) and the policy questions (PCMH thumbs up or down) to a minimum. Your revisions have made the manuscript clearer and a better read.