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COMMENTS TO EDITOR: I LOVED this essay when I read it, and the reviewers loved it too. It is one of the best we've received, truly a joy to read. As reviewer 2 comments, it is so lovely to see a practice that is truly team-based in every sense of the word, where people respect and appreciate and support each other. It offers a healing balm to the many counterexamples we all are still witness to all too often. Reviewer 1 has a couple of teensy suggestions. Reviewer 2 makes the comment that there are too many commas. Do we have editorial support to correct these kinds of arcane grammatical choices? In any case, I recommend minor revision, with the intent to publish.

COMMENTS TO AUTHOR: This is a completely lovely, heartwarming, and uplifting essay. Everyone who has read it feels more happy and hopeful. We are just glad you decided to share this wonderful example of a truly team-based practice.

I agree that the very minor suggestions of reviewer 1 could slightly improve an already very well-written manuscript. Perhaps you could introduce your role as a family physician by saying p. 1, line 11, "As a family doc, I had charts to write..." In terms of the incomplete sentences, p. 1, para 3, they are a bit awkward. You could solve this problem either with a colon after "together," then semi-colons each time you introduce a new character. But because these are such long fragments, that might read rather awkwardly. Another approach would be as follows: line 28-38 "Maria, who...hastily constructed, was there. So was Paul, who... Jeffrey had made it as well. He takes patients' blood pressure... Laura, who makes sure... was part of the group as well, smiling and embarrassed [or however she was feeling that her birthday was being celebrated]." This is just a suggestion, but please play around with this paragraph.

We have very little to improve upon such a perfect little gem. Thank you for offering it to us.

COMMENTS TO EDITOR II: This is an easy one, an essay that was near pitch-perfect when it arrived, and now has its small flaws improved as per reviewer suggestions. We should accept it quickly and gratefully. One of the best we've received.

COMMENTS TO AUTHOR II: Thank you again for such a lovely essay. Please consider Family Medicine as an outlet for your future work.