

## FM REVIEW 2015 13A COMMENTS

**COMMENTS TO EDITOR II:** This author did a fantastic job of revision, one of the best I've seen. It is obvious from the length and detail of his response how thoughtfully he interacted with reviewer and editor comments and how carefully he implemented changes. The result is a really good essay. I suggested a few very minor stylistic/grammatical changes. When these are made, the article should be enthusiastically accepted.

**COMMENTS TO AUTHOR II:** You did an outstanding job of revising this essay. Your changes are both subtle and major, and always very thoughtful. Sticking to a single metaphor, then "working within" it throughout the essay proves very effective. Thank you also for clarifying how scales are both exercises in manual dexterity and mental focus. The clarity enhances the choice of this particular metaphor.

The paring back of the early examples (the dermatologist, your experiences in residency) is excellent - these sections now lay the foundation for the climax of the essay, without being a distracting diversion. The addition of the single line about the reviewing airway obstruction makes it easy for the reader to tie in the restaurant incident with the theme of practice.

The mini-reflection on "flow" is wonderful, and beautifully suggests how all the hours of mundane practice can transform the practitioner into an artist in that moment of need. The concluding paragraph about the former intern now a chief has a lovely, generative feel to it. Coming full circle with this story-within-a-story was inspired. The final "click" is just perfect. All in all, well done!

I've suggested three extremely minor changes in the ms mostly for stylistic reasons. Please consider these; or revise these three sentences in your own way.

Again, thanks for such a meticulous and thoughtful effort. The result is really impressive.

**COMMENTS TO EDITOR III:** This essay has gone through one major and one minor revision. It began with the kernel of a good metaphor (being prepared in medicine is like practicing scales), but was all over the place and not well-written. The author has put much time and effort into rewriting, and it shows. The main message is now clear, the metaphor is utilized throughout the essay, and the writing is much better. I recommend accept.

**COMMENTS TO AUTHOR III:** Thank you for all your hard work. You obviously put a lot of time and effort into the rewrites, and it shows. It's a lovely and instructive reflection about how to skillfully deal with the breadth and depth of family medicine.