

## FM REVIEW 2016 31 COMMENTS

**COMMENTS TO EDITOR:** This is a sweet but insubstantial piece about a family doc going to bat with an insurance company for a patient just diagnosed with lymphoma. While I agree with reviewer 1 that the narrator sounds like a wonderful patient advocate, and I think most family physicians would recognize both the frustrations and the rewards of going that extra mile, there is too little here to really "sink one's teeth into." The essay uses the metaphor of a swing, but it is not entirely clear why. I fear that readers would not be propelled toward in-depth thought, but simply give a fleeting smile of recognition and move on.

**COMMENTS TO AUTHOR:** Thank you for submitting this essay. It is a good illustration of the importance of patient advocacy, and any family doctor could relate to the scene you describe. The opening images of one parent on a child's swing; and another parent on a very different sort of "swing" is a powerful one. Unfortunately, in the end we did not feel that the story was well developed enough to enable readers to really wrestle with and dig deeper into the frustrations both physicians and patients experience in the current health care system. Thank you for considering Family Medicine as an outlet for your work.