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COMMENTS TO EDITOR: The author uses the haiku form (with some liberties as reviewer 2 points out) to promote vaccination. It is a simple yet effective reminder of the ever-present dangers of communicable diseases that we blithely thought we'd subdued.

Reviewer 2 makes the excellent point that the haiku is directed primarily at parents ("vaccinate your kids"), rather than at physicians. Perhaps the author could add a brief note explaining that her hope was that readers could share it with their patients' parents, or post a copy in their offices, to stimulate parent-doctor conversation about immunizations.

COMMENTS TO AUTHOR: Reviewers and editors enjoyed this simple haiku, and liked the idea of encouraging immunization through poetry. Along these lines, because the haiku is directed primarily at parents ("vaccinate your kids"), rather than at physicians, perhaps you could add a brief line (Author's note:) expressing your hope that readers could share it with their patients' parents, or post a copy in their offices, to stimulate parent-doctor conversation about immunizations.