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COMMENTS TO EDITOR: This essay tells a touching story about how a seriously ill patient touched not only the life of his physician, but the lives of her family as well. It is an almost "perfect" narrative essay in that, overtly, it does not go beyond the personal - it simply tells a story. Yet in so doing, it raises provocative questions about the boundaries established between doctors and patients, and whether these boundaries are always in the best interests of patients and doctors. It is also written in an easily accessible, unpretentious narrative style. I recommend speedy acceptance once the author has addressed the very minor revisions recommended by reviewer 2.

COMMENTS TO AUTHOR: Editors and reviewers alike appreciated your essay. It tells a touching story about how your seriously ill patient touched not only your life, but that of your family . It is an almost "perfect" narrative essay in that, overtly, it does not go beyond the personal - it simply tells a story. Yet in so doing, it raises provocative questions about the boundaries established between doctors and patients, and whether these boundaries are always in the best interests of patients and doctors. It is written in an easily accessible, unpretentious narrative style. We all found it moving and uplifting - even at one remove, we suspect readers too will be "transformed" in reading it.

Reviewer 2 suggests a handful of very minor edits, as do I on the attached manuscript. We feel this essay will make a valuable contribution to the journal.

COMMENTS TO EDITOR II: Author has made the recommended exceedingly minor revisions. This is an exemplary narrative essay that shows the powerful effect of a patient on the physician and her family. Please accept this one with gratitude!

COMMENTS TO AUTHOR II: Thank you for contributing this moving essay to our journal. We especially appreciated the unique way in which this patient affected not only you, but also your son. The essay tells a beautiful story while providing insight and much food for thought.