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COMMENTS TO AUTHOR: This is an insightful and thoughtful reflection on why you've chosen to specialize in addiction medicine as a way of reinforcing and deepening your strongly held values of connection, humility, respect, and healing. The problem is that it is not really a narrative essay in that it does not tell a story. Rather, it analyses your reasons for choosing addiction medicine and explains why this choice has fulfilled you as a physician. This makes for a very interesting essay, but it is not a good fit for our journal. The essays we publish in this section are not primarily expository, but narrative in that they are organized around a central story which indirectly makes the points they wish to share.

You clearly have something important to share about the nature of medicine and how, in your experience, what matters most to you is best found in practicing addiction medicine. We would like to invite you to rewrite your essay centering it around a single story that illustrates your key points. Within this context (and keeping to the thousand word limit), you should still be able to share some of your personal reflections.