

FSH DECISION LETTER 2014 11

Based on my review and on reviewer comments I am not able to accept your submission in its present form. I would suggest the following minor edits.

1) Please remove the exclamation mark from the title. The poem itself is its own exclamation mark, and this added punctuation is excessive.

2) Please follow the excellent suggestions of reviewer 1, i.e., change "lays" to "lies"; change "he writhes" to "writhing," which is then a better parallel with "waiting;" and change "glucose bottle" to "IV bag" for clarity.

For your guidance, reviewers' comments are appended below.

3) If this is a 55 word story, make sure the word count is precisely 55.

With these minor changes, you will have given us a moving glimpse into the hard realities of medicine in developing countries with limited resources that we in this country can barely begin to imagine.

DECISION II: ACCEPT. The revisions you made have strengthened the story and brought forth more clearly its poignancy and tragedy. Thank you for a piece that reminds a largely first world readership of some of the issues facing patients in developing countries.