Family Medicine Moments
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Introduction: This week I share with you some brief writings from our recent spring department retreat. I was doing a workshop on how to use medical humanities in teaching and we did a practice example with participants.

The prompt was:
Write about a clinical encounter this past week using 6-word story or Haiku. Participants were also given the option to use a photograph that I projected as a prompt or to go rogue and write about whatever was on their mind.

See the fun musings we came up with below. We decided that all of our writings would be anonymous. Enjoy.

Brief Reflections

By Anonymous

Is it cancer? I don’t know.

Getting thru the day while smiling.
Daily frustration
Gotten the better of me.
I can improve this.

Intubated. Trached.
Many weeks. Woke yesterday.
Thanks for coming, doc,

We had one person go rogue who is not clinical and wrote about something from their week:

Federal reporting sucks the life out.

Federal reporting. (say it as fed-ral)
Too tedious, waste of time,
Got to get it done.

We also offered a photo prompt using this photo [photo of a baby awake in a bed with sleeping mother] and a Haiku was written:

Baby is awake
Parent eyes are now fishing
They are exhausting

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