Family Medicine Moments

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Introduction: As a follow up to last week I am sharing more short writings from our Medical Humanities session in my Structural Inequity, Advocacy, and Justice Pathway. I am sharing reflections from Rahi Patel, UMass Chan 2027 and Kayal Parthiban, UMass Chan 2027. During this type of session, I always write as well to role model that we all can do this in real time - so you will see my "on-the fly" writing below too. Enjoy the Haikus and 6-word story.

Here is what Rahi and Kayal said in their emails to me:

*I wanted to thank you for a great humanities session today! It was wonderful to put back in context the reasons why I chose medicine amidst the craziness. Also, I hadn't written a haiku in so long, but found it to be just as powerful when I have pages of stream of consciousness, so thank you for that as well - Rahi*

*Thanks for the wonderful session on writing today. - Kayal*

More Short Writings

By Rahi Patel, Kayal Parthiban and Hugh Silk
Rahi Patel:

Now she tells people
She once played the violin
She has Parkinson's

Kayal Parthiban:

The Psych Ward
The frequent flyer-
she is back from the ED,
they told me, sighing.

Hugh Silk:

Worcester Redline
Homes in disrepair
Graffiti, trash everywhere
1930 – now

SUD
Clean needles, Narcan; Not nearly enough

A Sad Situation
Home visit; 'he's sick'
Large cancer on face. EPIC:
“Lost to follow up”

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