

Il medico di famiglia

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Medical professionalism: a GP's perspective

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"A really good liver"

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WHO archives

“Technology and Medicine” by Rafael Campo

**The transformation is complete. My eyes
Are microscopes and cathode X-ray tubes
In one, so I can see bacteria,
... and even through to bones.
My hands are hypodermic needles, touch
Turned into blood: I need to know your salts**

“Technology and Medicine”

**...And chemistries, a kind of intimacy
That won't bear pondering...my mouth, for
instance,
So small and sharp, a dry computer chip
That never gets to... taste or tell
A brief truth like "You're beautiful," or
worse,
"You're crying just like me; you are alive."**

General practice: a definition

- **the last of the true generalists in medicine**
- **specialists in one thing: their patients**
- **Holism: physical, psychological, social, cultural and spiritual dimensions**

A vignette from practice



The “Holistic” consultation

- **Consultation Quality Index (CQ1-2)**
- **patient enablement,**
- **continuity of care**
- **consultation length**
- **Mercer SW & Howie JGR A new measure of holistic interpersonal care in primary care consultations. British Journal of General Practice. April 2006:0960-1643:262**



Self-portrait of
Goya with his
doctor

*Seña grabado a su amigo Aniceto, por el escudo y conico con el, le salvó la vida en su aguda y
perforante a firmidad, padecida a fines del año 1819 a los sesenta y tres de su edad. Copiado en 1820*

Empathy

“...the functions of intellect are insufficient without courage, love, friendship, compassion and empathy”

Dean Koontz

“Communication by empathy is a talent that few possess”

Unknown source

Communication

pauses, gestures and the
unspoken...

The art of medicine

- “Most of the science of medicine may be learned in the four years of medical school, but the rest of a physician’s life may still find him deficient in the art”
- “All good physicians are artists.”

*Leake C.D. Pratica Medici Moderni, December, 2936,
California and Western Medicine, Vol 45, no.6*

Limitations of RCP report

- **“moral imperative” to address global health issues**
- **the inconsistencies of medical practice**
- **ethical issues stemming from sophisticated technology**
- **Patients’ dissatisfaction of our fragmented rationalist approach**

Communication: art within an art

Doctors don't know everything really. They understand matter, not spirit. And you and I live in spirit.

William Saroyan, Human Comedy