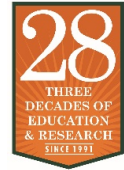


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The Soul of Care: The Moral and Emotional Education of Doctors

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Caregiving is long, hard, unglamorous work—at moments joyous, more often tedious, sometimes agonizing, but it is always rich in meaning. In the face of our current political indifference and the crisis of burnout and dissatisfaction with our health-care system, I emphasize how we must ask uncomfortable questions of ourselves and of our doctors. To give care, to be “present” for someone who needs us, and to feel and show kindness are deep emotional and moral experiences, enactments of our core values, and at the heart of our professional and family relationships. The practice of caregiving teaches us what is most important in medicine and in life.

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