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## ART OF MEDICINE

### Right in the Eye

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#### Abstract

This illustration represents how a patient's view of themselves can be altered while going through iatrogenic trauma.

Figure. *Inner Perspective*



## Media

Digital watercolor.

## Caption

Empathic patient care involves a delicate balance between going about the business of diagnosing and treating patients and preserving their dignity and self-image. This balance can be upset in instances in which procedures that are routine for clinicians turn out to be sources of iatrogenic trauma for patients or in which a **patient's perspective** is lost or undervalued.

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