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### Who's in the Hospital Lobby?

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#### Abstract

Lobbies and waiting rooms of hospitals and clinics tend to be places where physicians spend little time. These spaces, intended for occupancy by patients and their loved ones, can accommodate a physician who is alone, in reflection, after hours.

**Figure 1.** *Hospital Lobby, 2018*



#### Media

Oil on Canvas.

**Caption**

Lobbies and waiting rooms of hospitals and clinics tend to be places where physicians spend little time. These spaces are rather intended for occupancy by patients and their loved ones. This painting depicts a solitary physician after hours in an empty hospital lobby, where few, if any, would expect to find her; it is a tribute to such spaces in health care. Occupying these spaces in time alone can nourish clinicians' cultivation of empathy and offer opportunities to recommit to [compassionate practice](#) and ethics.

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