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### **PERSONAL NARRATIVE**

#### **Through the Patient's Eyes: He Lifted His Eyes**

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What is it like to be a patient experiencing a debilitating, potentially life-threatening illness or encountering the health care environment, perhaps for the first time, from a position of vulnerability? Through the stories of patients, physicians come to see themselves, and most especially their communications, from the other side of the equation. When patients - including physicians who become patients - voice their most intimate thoughts, feelings, and reactions, much can be learned.

#### **August Patient Story**

Keene N. [He lifted his eyes](#). *JAMA*. 1997;277(19):1502.

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