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Slow Looking: Art and Observation in the Toolkit of Clinical Diagnosis

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The rapid pace of medicine has created challenges for physicians and physicians-in training to find the time and space to have impactful communications with patients, from history-taking and clinical diagnosis to discussions of treatment and care.

Slow Looking, the mindful observation of representational and non-representational Art, is a skill that can be transferred to the patient encounter.

A similar technique of mindful *Slow Listening* is synergistic with *Slow Looking.* These skills may promote a more thorough understanding of the patient narrative, delay premature diagnostic closure, and help to create the empathy and compassion that is essential in the patient-physician journey.

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