

IN LIEU OF AN ABSTRACT --“THE MEANING OF IT ALL”- DOCTOR’S PERSPECTIVE CO-SYNTHESISED WITH PATIENTS.

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Background/Purpose: A 30 year old lady died after a 12 year battle with disseminated Medullary Thyroid Cancer involving Lung, liver nodes and bone . A POEM WILL BE ON A POSTER.

Methods: Upto 2 months before her death she was the CEO of a company which she managed with unforgettable elegance, authority, extraordinary confidence, style, and panache which we were fortunate to watch . A most poignant story, epitomising all stories of patients . A Steinbeckian epic depicting the greatest struggle in one’s life; of shattered dreams and broken desires; of the endurance and indomitable will which are quintessentially Human and of the dignity of the human spirit, majestic in stature.

Results: “The meaning of it all” for doctors is largely to utilize the special privilege offered to them; to give their “ all” to deliver “State of the Art” Medical science to every single patient with humanity ,compassion, humility and respect . This abstract is a viewpoint on healthcare delivery championing and celebrating the human aspects of Doctor Patient partnership in which Doctors understand their responsible position as well as the central role of patients in modern medicine including learning from their struggle, contribution and experiences.

Discussion & Conclusion: Having had the honour to care for a fellow human being affected by disease,we doctors work together with our patients who constantly remind us what Hemingway pointed out so eloquently “Man is not for defeat .Man can be destroyed, but not defeated”.