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Training in emergency medicine is full of fascinating encounters. Over the course of medical school and residency we will amass a huge body of intangible experience. Much of this we share with our immediate peers, residents, and classmates, as a part of our own coping and cataloguing mechanisms. However, much of it is also an important part of our learning process. I cannot begin to relay how much I have learned, not from books (I will never read as much as my residency director would like me to) but from the experience of my fellow residents. Not only have I learned about the practice of medicine, but about the practice of life as a medical professional.

This is a new section for this journal. As it stands there are no official boundaries. We (the collective resident/student population) can fill it as we see fit. There are many outlets for statistically significant randomized, blinded, meta-prospective studies about variable dosing of phenytoin in post-ictal rats. However, there are very few places to share on a wider front, the more nebulous, but not necessarily less important experiential aspects of our training. (Wow, that sounds a bit 'new-agey.') Hopefully this will spark some interesting discussion and we can learn and laugh a little in the process.

Submissions of any kind (interesting stories, poems, prose, fact, fiction, and outside-the-box research proposals) may be sent to Jason Quinn jquinn@hghed.com.