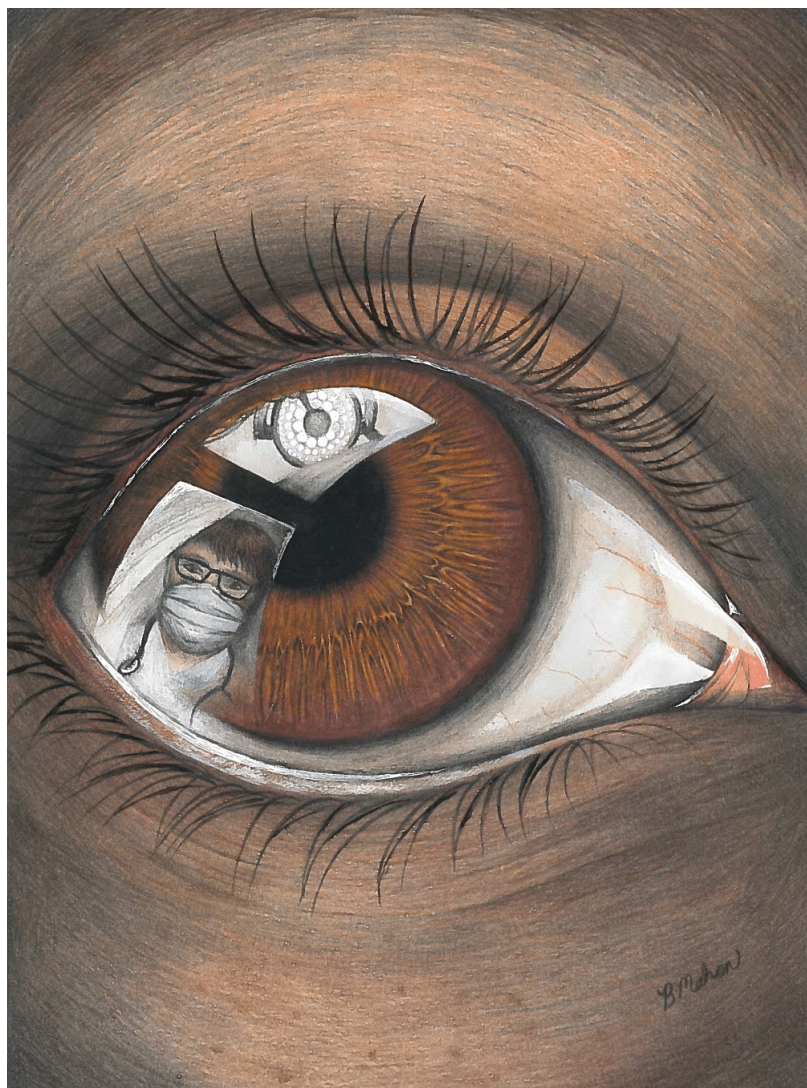


The Patient's Perspective

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I have always been intrigued as an artist by the depth and emotion captured within drawings of eyes. For as long as I can remember, my mom's fridge has been covered in my artwork - always images of eyes, typically with the focus of the image being in the iris or the reflection of the iris.

This piece is meant to portray the vulnerability felt by the patient in a healthcare setting, inspired by my own personal experiences as a patient. As a young teen, I was struck with illness and spent a year bouncing around between various healthcare professionals - often in Winnipeg, as I was from the small town of Kenora, Ontario. Coming from a rural setting, access to specialists was often unavailable locally. I remember the uncertainty and vulnerability I felt at the time. With a drive to better the delivery of healthcare in rural settings, and an interest in life sciences I started my own journey into a career in medicine.

I hope that the viewer is reminded of the dynamics in a patient-physician relationship, and is softened by this reminder. Both healthcare providers and patients are only human, and it essential that we act in an empathetic manner with each other.

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