

Promised Nothing



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The engulfing shortness of breath with the morning stroll.
The fatigue, setting in every afternoon like clockwork.
The symptoms, now so predictive, were for a moment, benign.
The young emergency physician ignores them.
He moves on.
The patient is too young.
The patient is too healthy.
Others need help.
There's work to be done.
But cancer pauses for no one.
Not for husbands. Not for fathers. Not for friends...
...and not for doctors.
Yes, the patient is indeed too young... ...as most new physicians are.
But age, in an instant, is relative.
Scans. Treatment.
Trials. Hospitals.
Hospice....
Tears.
And yet....
Family. Friends.
Joy. Love...
Peace.
Care for Your Patients. Care for Yourselves.
Nothing is promised.

In memory of Kevin Dabrowski, MD.

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