

Living with Serious Chronic Illness: A two part tragedy

Today's Presenter

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Why do you feel more sympathy for the first patient?

- A. Diabetes is a real disease and Opioid Use Disorder is a choice.
- B. I'm more familiar with people with Diabetes.
- C. Opioids are illegal
- D. I don't know why, but I do.
- E. I feel the same way about both cases.

Another story

- SFP



Why didn't I know she had alcohol issue?

- A. It came after the cancer diagnosis.
- B. She hid it well.
- C. I was too busy with lymphoma workup.
- D. I didn't look for it.
- E. B and D





Why did she keep coming back to me?

- A. I was the only doctor who took her insurance.
- B. She lost her drivers license and could walk to my office.
- C. She trusted me.
- D. Court order.
- E. I never gave up on her.
- F. C and E