

## Editorial

# The art of good medicine still relies on making the correct diagnosis

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## Good Medicine Threatened by Chat, Artificial intelligence (AI)

Good Medicine is being increasingly threatened by Chat AI, robotic medicine, and computerized programs delivery that the delivery of medical care is increasingly relegated to a business model of “One size might fit many if not all.” Physicians still need to establish the correct diagnoses and correctly direct appropriate treatment. However, making the correct diagnosis is an art and requires listening to the patient, obtaining the full history, performing a thorough neurological exam, and then applying one’s skill, expertise, intelligence, and commitment! Chat AI, or treating a patient as simply a number within the given 10–15 min “slot,” is just not appropriate and not what quality medicine should be!!



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How can a computer program and chat AI replace an expert medical practitioner!!! After 50 years of practicing medicine, I am still learning from patients every day.

Patients deserve to have their physicians take the time to look for the correct diagnosis beyond sifting through various differential possibilities. They need to understand that their problems are not being ignored, and that their symptoms/signs are not simply being “blown off.”

Establishing the correct diagnosis often requires an exhaustive work up, a challenge to the present medical trends for the following reasons:

1. It is expensive to perform potentially multiple tests in establish the correct diagnosis!
2. Each patient’s problem must be clearly documented. Obtaining a complete history still warrants speaking to the patient and actually listening to their responses.

When I recently asked some of my patients why they took so long to come to a neurosurgeon for their various problems they responded: “Doctors and hospitals and insurances did nothing and said nothing.” The typical end result was nothing was or would be done until we “drop dead.”

Failing to spend the money to make the correct diagnosis remains unacceptable to most physicians! Ultimately, quality care is essential, to the patient, their families, and to their many physicians who continue to care. This is how we as medical professionals can return as many patients as possible to healthy productive lives.



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