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Narrative Medicine for Non-Narrative Subjectivities

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Narrative medicine has grown to its current intellectual and academic stature within the medical humanities due to the power of its central thesis: that illnesses are narrative experiences and should be analyzed and treated as such. However, narrative medicine's emphasis on co-constructing patient stories runs into difficulty when applied to patients whose subjectivities are not explicitly narrative. This presentation aims to broaden the concept of illness narratives and thus expand the narrative medicine field to include non-narrative subjectivities by introducing the concept of a spectrum of narrativity. Utilizing the recently proposed Double Helix Model as a scaffold for narratively engaging with these non-narrative subjectivities, this presentation aims to make narrative medicine a more inclusive space for these often-marginalized communities.



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