

*“Do you know what you want to be when you grow up, yet?”*

Throughout clinicals, I dis-covered many essences

Cardiolo-gist

Neurolo-gist

Radiolo-gist

Obstetrician & Gynecolo-gist

Pulmonolo-gist

in a variety of settings:

primary care clinic

emergency department

operating room

All to realize that I didn't want to

choose between the

stages of life

or

sacrifice the gifts of

time and presence

needed

to build connection.

With every patient, I found myself drawn to the moments where we were offered

a glimpse

of the world they lived in day in and day out—

in front of their eyes & between their ears.

To share this world with others requires an unparalleled degree of

courage

vulnerability

faith

hope

And so, it's only fair that those who wish to step into it show an equal degree of

humility

openness

gentleness

compassion

*At this point, you've probably pieced together what I should be.*

Psychiatrist?

Perhaps.

However,

the privilege of engaging in stories,

witnessing the human experience,

living

in real-time

and

vicariously,

continuously (re)learning and (re)discovering,

feels like it deserves something more.

“Hello! My name is ... and I am a

psychia-trust.

May I walk with you?”

