

Hindson Conference Narrative Medicine Sessions Call For Submissions!

This year the Hindson Conference is proud to highlight storytelling and invites participants to share their stories with the audience. All participants, be they medical students, residents or attendings are encouraged to participate. This year's theme is:

Why am I here?

Please consider how this prompt may resonate with you and the stories that come to mind. Avoid profanity and slander. Be respectful of those mentioned in your story. Patient information should be compliant with HIPAA standards. The format of the presentation itself is fluid. Poetry and oral stories are welcome. Please limit presentation time to no more than 5 minutes. Time limits will be strictly enforced.

FAQs:

What is Narrative Medicine? The practice of listening to and reflecting upon patient, physician and social stories within the context of the medical field.

Why are we doing this? Meaning is derived from the stories we tell. Narrative medicine acts as a tool to acquire, comprehend and integrate the different points of view of all the participants within a medical encounter.

What formats are acceptable? Poems, 55 word stories, short stories etc. If there's a format you are interested in, but you are not sure if it would be acceptable contact Carlee Fountaine at Carlee.fountaine@va.gov. Submission length is limited to 5 minutes. Please avoid profanity and keep patient stories HIPAA compliant.

How do I submit my narrative piece? Email to Melissa.Hagman2@va.gov by November 10, 2025 0900 MST

Who do I reach out to with questions? Carlee Fountaine at Carlee.fountaine@va.gov