

# **Ethics and Humanities Pathway Project**

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My pathway project is a series of art pieces inspired by some of the most significant interactions I have had with patients during my third and fourth years of medical school. As physicians, we are expected to provide the best care to all of our patients, teach them, and empower them in their sickness. From what I have learned on this journey is that patients are the educators on the science of disease, but most significantly on life, values, and emotions. I worked with different materials and textures as I tried to embody what I have learned from my different patient encounters.

I am still looking for the words that will grasp the meaning of this project to me. So for now, the title is still “to be determined”.

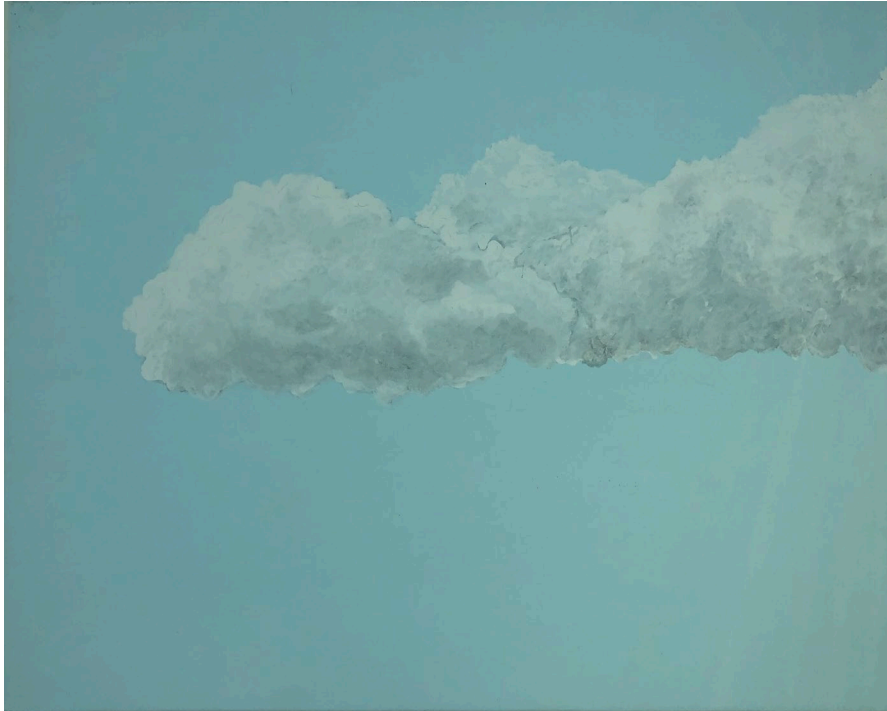
I hope you enjoy the art and that it resonates somewhere within you.

## **Breathe**

16X20 in – Acrylic on canvas

Chief complaint: Shortness of breath

74-year-old Cuban man with extensive PMH including emphysematous COPD, CAD, HIV (last CD4 2013) who presented to the ER with dyspnea on minimal exertion and worsening productive cough. He has impending doom and believes his life will soon come to an end. Respiratory viral panel positive for parainfluenza virus.



**Charlie B Unknown Male**

16X20 in – Acrylic, colored pencil, and felt-tip pen on canvas

Chief complaint: Gunshot wound

Unidentified 22-year-old man with GSW to the abdomen, came in with signs of hypovolemic shock. He was taken to the OR for ex-lap to identify and control the source of bleeding. Resuscitative efforts were vain.

To all the lives lost to gun violence, you are not forgotten.



## **Red**

16X20 in – Acrylic on canvas

Chief complaint: Right-sided weakness

81-year-old woman with unknown PMH developed right-sided hemiplegia, found to have left fronto-temporal subdural hematoma, with midline shift on CT brain without contrast. The patient is going to the OR for hematoma evacuation.



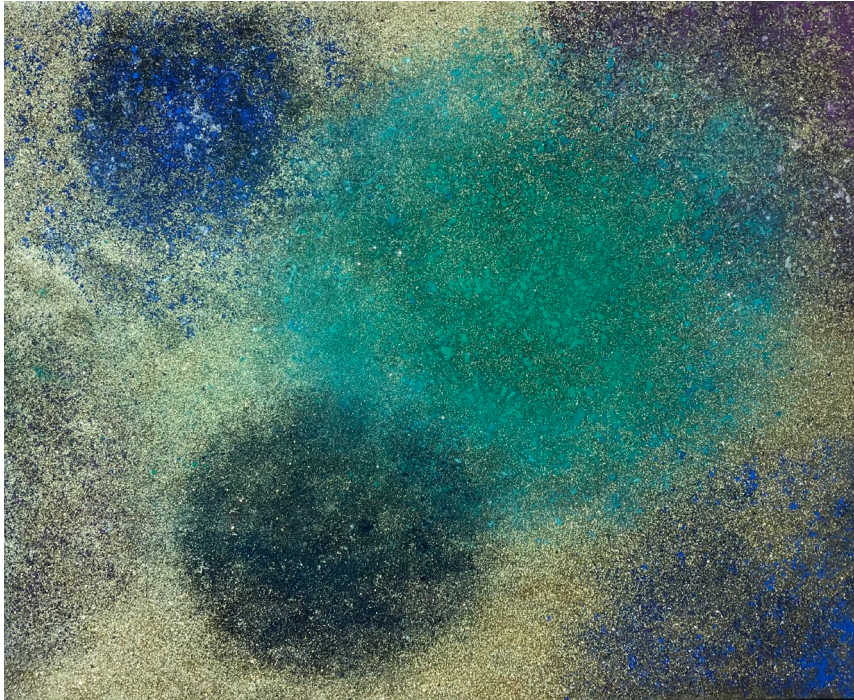


## **Apotheosis**

16X20 in – Glitter and paint pigment on canvas

Chief complaint: “I am the son of Amon-Ra and will shine bright one day”

32 yo Trinidadian man with PMH of cannabis use disorder, schizophrenia, baker acted by the police after being found in the cemetery calling upon dead family members and spraying fire extinguisher. Patient reports that his daughter tricked him into spraying his apartment, then cemetery with fire extinguisher. It was difficult to obtain history because thought process is extremely tangential with loose associations.



## **Yin yang**

16X20 in – Acrylic and chalk on canvas, with glossy finish

Chief complaint: scheduled C-section

42-year-old woman, G5P0, 37-week pregnant with a history of several miscarriages, admitted to the hospital for schedule delivery of fraternal twins. On last ultrasound, both twins A and B are transverse.

