WHAT CAN A PATIENT-ORIENTED HISTORY OF DIABETES TEACH US ABOUT MEDICAL DECISION-MAKING?

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What if many -- or even most -- medical decisions are made by decision-making processes that differ substantially from standard notions of weighing risks and benefits of treatment options? Drawing on a remarkable archive of letters that people with diabetes wrote over the course of decades to their physicians, the talk will examine how patients and doctors made decisions as this disease was transformed from an acutely lethal condition before the discover of insulin to a chronic and still too-often debilitating malady.

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