

Do you ever let the death of a patient get to you? In this Focus piece, one cancer surgeon talks about his own experience and argues that shutting down your emotional responses is neither feasible nor desirable.

What do you think?

- Can you do your professional best for your patient if you get too close to them?
- Does protecting yourself from, being touched by the loss of a patient entail shutting off compassion and losing part of your humanity?
- Can either approach be sustainable in the long run - and if so, how?

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