

Moments of Motion

Life is lived in moments of motion.

Whether it's the flailing of the extremities,

Pumping of the heart,

Stimulation of the nerves,

Each action has intention,

Each moment results in propulsion.

Directionality matters.

For instance,

Movements of the eyes,

As they sway

Left to right,

Right to left,

Up and down,

Invoke more than mere

Changes in visual focus, but rather,

Alterations in perspective.

Left to right,

Reads the diagnosis.

Right to left,

Sees the prognosis.

Up and down,

Reveals the people around.

Limited expectancy.

Glioblastoma.

Residual symptoms.

Stroke.

Reduced function.

Headache.

Great discomfort.

Neuropathy.

Prolonged uncertainty.

Seizure.

Surrounded by family.

Surrounded by no one.

Surrounded by doctors.

Often the process of diagnosis, prognosis, and management manifests in similar

Bursts of movement,

Telling clinicians the story through

Guided intervention.

Strike of the reflex hammer,

Prick of the pin needle,

Shine of the penlight,

Thrust of the eyes,

Extension of the extremities,

Stroke of the finger pad.

The examination of patients
Demands that
Each action has intention,
Each moment results in propulsion.
Directionality matters,
Not solely for the demonstration of a finding (or lack thereof),
But for the impact the fruits of our labor can
Carry.
Patients live simultaneously through their
Moments of motion,
And ours.
Our moments
Dictate theirs.
Whether they
Can,
Will,
Should.
Thus, our encounters may seem like
Impulses through an axon, or
Flashes in time,
But they serve as critical instances in the timeline.
In their timeline.
An object in motion will stay in motion unless

Acted upon by an equal and opposing force.

Will we be the action to

Stop

Or

Propel

Our patients in their moments of motion?