You Like Horror Stories and You Want to be a Doctor: Zombies and Horror and General Narratives as Remedies for the Malaise of Modern Medical Education

This lecture will begin with a discussion of the utility of the zombie trope in medical education, move from there to the importance of stories in medical education and practice, and end with a discussion of the special role that horror stories can helpfully and perhaps paradoxically play in the development of caring physicians. Unless the real zombies show up, that is. If that happens, we’ll spend our time together figuring out where the best bunkers on campus are located.

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