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Project Haiku

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The Osborn Team is the team in our hospital that houses older children with medically complex conditions; most are adolescents and many are behavioral health patients awaiting medical clearance or bed availability. It can be emotionally and physically draining work. For 1 week in May 2016, Osborn team members were challenged to write a haiku every day that had some relationship to a patient, the patient experience, the family experience, or the physician and/or resident experience. Here are the best of those we developed together. Each haiku is intended to stand alone; they are not meant to be stanzas in a single poem.

Shaking and twitching
Doctors, imaging, blood work
Fearing the unknown

AloneFearTerror
theVoicethePain I scream
Haloperidol

My life is not mine.
Status epilepticus
Ride along – it drives

Compartment syndrome
Needs stat fasciotomy!
Pressure relieved, ahhhh

Atrophy. Delay.
Degenerative disease
Diagnosis – Hope?

The feedback sandwich
It's a love/hate kind of thing
I prefer turkey

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