

## ESSAY

# Project Haiku

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## PROJECT HAIKU

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

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AloneFearTerror  
theVoicesthePain I scream  
Haloperidol

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

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Compartment syndrome  
Needs stat fasciotomy!  
Pressure relieved, ahhhh

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Atrophy. Delay.  
Degenerative disease  
Diagnosis – Hope?

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

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