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After suffering a sudden critical illness herself, she has special interest in improving empathy through connection and communication. She lectures to physicians, health care leaders, and medical schools across the country. She was awarded the Speak-Up Hero Award in 2014 for her work establishing a workshop based program called CLEAR (Connect, Listen, Emphasize, Align, Respect), which trains faculty and trainees in relationship-based communication skills utilizing improvisational actors.

She was named Henry Ford Hospital's Critical Care Teacher of the Year in 2016. She has been nominated for the Compassionate Caregiver of the Year Award by her peers. She has been interviewed for NPR, MedPage, Health Leaders Media and Beckers Hospital Review. Her New England Journal of Medicine Perspectives article, "My View from the Edge," went viral, garnering over 100,000 views. It is ranked in the 99th percentile for reach.
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