Abstract
A high-tech medicine, with unprecedented diagnostic certainty and quite efficient outcomes but, at the same time, with a high level of distrust from the users, which results in a defensive medicine, is a reality that is often repeated in healthcare. Apparently, the power of technique over life has left aside the eminent humaneness in the act of healing, causing an inevitable split in the very essence of the profession. In the presence of this, the issue arises of re-humanizing the clinical relationship through the use of empathy, thus contributing to overcoming the excessive positivism in which medicine has fallen.

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