

“I am a retired ob-gyn who has now embarked on a second career of writing and social activism as well as doing childcare for a just turned four-year-old granddaughter. The immediate impact of the pandemic for me was sheltering at home and being separated from physical contact with the child. Despite daily book reading and puppet shows through the kitchen window, the absence of touch became increasingly upsetting and depressing. We have recently merged our bubbles and that has been restorative. The pandemic has given me ample opportunity to study, analyze, and write about the political side of this crisis on a national and international level, the poisonous impact of market medicine on public health, the need for universal health care, the disastrous response of the Trump administration, and the disparities of impact on the haves and have nots. I also have this sense of guilt for not plunging back into the front lines, but my age and skillset did not make that seem reasonable.”

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