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The Art of Observation & the Observation of Art

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Astute observation is a right-brained skill and one that is highly desirable for a physician, since it's not only essential for diagnosis but also for empathetic connection. Osler agreed. "The whole art of Medicine" he remarked "is in observation." In fact, he saw "no more difficult art to acquire than the art of observation." Yet, this skill is not taught during medical school or residency, and in fact may even be hindered by a curriculum heavily skewed towards the sciences. The result is the missing of many important clues. Observing artworks might offer a simple but effective way to rekindle both the right brain and the power of observation, and thus in turn improve bedside detection of physical findings. It may even help the reading of faces, a fundamental skill for physicians.

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