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Humans of Cardiology story from Parasuram M. Krishnamoorthy, MD (goes by PK).



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FAKE NEWS?

"After finishing medical school in India, we're all required to do a one-year internship at a rural hospital. The hospital I worked at had clinic hours from 7AM-12PM and hundreds of people would line up to see us. One day I heard a woman in line crying and screaming in pain. I went outside to see the commotion and immediately the other patients in line insisted that this woman was faking her symptoms to skip the line. As I walked up closer, I saw that she was acutely distressed and clutching her chest. I brought her inside and got an EKG which confirmed a STEMI. She got tPA and fortunately recovered well. The rest of the month I contemplated a career in cardiology. On my last day there, she waited in line again just to thank me and feed me a home cooked meal. That sense of gratification settled it. Her symptoms that day certainly weren't fake and now my inclination to be a cardiologist was quite real."