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*Reflections on doctoring and
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Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health and Senior Associate Dean for Educational Affairs at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, responsible for providing leadership and oversight for the education

mission of UMMS across Undergraduate Medical Education, Graduate Medical Education and Continuing Medical Education. During the past 25 years, she has held a variety of school-wide educational leadership positions, including Vice Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education, Associate Dean for Admissions, Assistant Dean for Student Advising, and Director of the Family Medicine Clerkship. She currently serves as Interim Director of UMMS Simulation Center. She has lead a number of grant funded initiatives to advance educational programs and curricular innovation in diverse areas including communication skills, sexual health, geriatrics, and professionalism assessment. Dr. Pugnaire has presented her work in curriculum development and innovation through numerous publications, presentations at national and international meetings, and as a consultant, advisor and invited speaker at individual medical schools. A graduate of Arlington High School, Dr. Pugnaire completed her medical school studies at McGill University in Montreal and after completing her internship, followed by a year of clinical practice in Canada, she returned to her home state of Massachusetts for her family practice residency training at the Barre Regional Health Center at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. She has maintained an active family medical practice in North Worcester County for over 25 years, serving vulnerable populations in rural and urban communities. Her clinical interests include women's health, ambulatory medical student teaching, adolescent medicine, care of the underserved and international medicine. For over 8 years, she has been a regular participant in the La Romana missionary program which serves the Haitian immigrant population residing on the sugar plantations of the Dominican Republic. She is the recipient of numerous teaching awards and is a 2007 graduate of the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine program sponsored by the AAMC and Drexel University College of Medicine.

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In my reflections, I will share photographs, personal experiences and encounters with patients of the bateyes: the villages of the sugar cane plantations in the Dominican Republic, where Haitian immigrant sugar cane workers and their families reside in grinding poverty and social isolation. Their lives and stories have deepened my understanding of doctoring and reinvigorated a latent awareness and a personal rediscovery of the privilege of "service" as physician.

It was a special year in 2002, when I took my first trip to the Dominican Republic, to be part of a health care team supporting medical clinics on the bateyes. Scattered across the vast sugar cane plantations of the Eastern DR and numbering in the hundreds, bateyes are small rural encampments, where an estimated 200,000 Haitian immigrant cane cutters and their families reside in poverty and isolation. With no access to public transportation, health care services, public health resources, and schooling, the health care for people of the bateyes is largely provided by volunteer organizations, and faith based charities. Following my initial batey experience in 2002, I have returned to the DR yearly ever since, to continuing my batey medicine experience, which has transformed and continues to transform my view of doctoring and the privilege of serving others as a physician.

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