

Why Aren't More People Talking About Physician Suicide?

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I live in Eugene — a sweet little community with snow-capped mountains, farmers' markets and the friendliest people around.

But a few weeks ago, one of our beloved pediatricians shot himself in the head in a public park. Earlier this year, one of our surgeons was found dead in his car from carbon monoxide poisoning.

And just before him, a urologist shot himself in the head in his backyard. Before him, a local anesthesiologist was found dead of an overdose in a closet and a family physician jumped in front of a train.

What does it mean when our healers take their own lives?

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