



Speaking Ills

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In Europe, one out of every eight people will one day develop a neurological disease. How should doctors break the news to them?

Parkinson's, Alzheimer's... Why does learning that a loved one has such diseases never go well? In fact, why do such revelations from doctors almost always go poorly, for patients and family alike? This book begins with an unflinching anthropological analysis of such delicate moments. Then, building out from these emblematic examples, eight healthcare professionals humbly and sensitively share their experiences and journeys in an attempt to trace the myriad ways such critical announcements can go astray.

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