MIND TO MIND

Creative writing that explores the abstract side of our profession and our lives

Carol Wiley Cassella, M.D., Editor

My Postop Visit

James M. Berry, M.D.

You calmed my fear
Cannulated my vein
Examined my airway
Monitored my heart
Erased my consciousness
Stole my breath
Blocked my receptors
Supported my circulation
Replaced my blood
Warmed my skin
Then whispered, "We're done..."

Thank you

From the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, Tennessee. james.berry@vanderbilt.edu Accepted for publication March 4, 2016.

Permission to reprint granted to the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc., and Wolters Kluwer Health, Inc., by copyright author/owner. Anesthesiology 2016; 125:809

to reprint granted to the American Society of Anasthesis located and full states and the American Society of Anasthesis located and full states are the states and the companies of the companies