

# Narrative Medicine: What Is It?

*(and why on earth did I go back to  
grad school after retiring?)*



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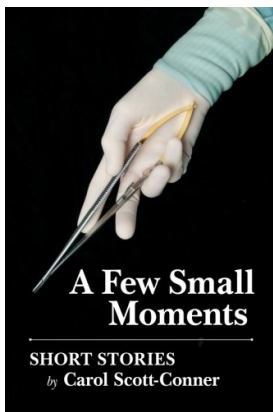
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Story and the healing process intersect in the relatively-new discipline of Narrative Medicine, a branch of the medical humanities. While physicians, nurses, and patients have always written about their experiences, Narrative Medicine uses specific techniques to heal, teach empathy, and help participants process difficult experiences.



In Spring 2019, I became a graduate student for the third time (not counting medical school) in the Narrative Healthcare graduate certificate program at Lenoir-Rhyne University. I will also share some observations about how being a student has made me a better teacher.

While continuing to edit revisions of my surgical textbooks and to teach students and residents, I devote an increasing amount of time to creative writing. My first book of short stories, *A Few Small Moments*, explores the intersection between surgeon and patient.

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