

# Physician beyond the physical

A patient approaches, worried and scared  
She didn't know anyone cared  
The second she sees the kind doctor's eyes  
Her armor of strength breaks down and she cries

She says she woke up to blood on her sheets  
Despite trying so hard to watch what she eats  
She had taken all the vitamins, supplements, and pills  
But still ended up with belly pain and chills

She was losing the only miracle she had in her life  
The hope that got her through the violence and strife  
She feels anger and guilt, like she failed as a mom  
The doctor listens, patient, and calm

With medicine, the patient's body begins to heal  
While empathy allows her heart and mind to feel  
She is grateful for the support when she has no other  
And is instilled with hope that she will one day be a mother

—Natasha Reddy, MD