

# Patients Speak

## Patients' Experiences

Many hospitals have established creative writing programs for patients as it becomes increasingly recognized that words are a powerful healing force.



Item	Media type	Website
<b>Poem:</b> “ <i>The Story of the Crabby Old Man</i> ”: After an old man dies at a nursing home, the nurses sort through his possessions and find a very special poem.	print	<a href="http://www.guy-sports.com/humor/stories/story_two_ill_men.htm#The_Story_of_the_Crabby_Old_Man">http://www.guy-sports.com/humor/stories/story_two_ill_men.htm#The_Story_of_the_Crabby_Old_Man</a>
<b>Lecture:</b> In “The Last Lecture,” a professor gives an inspiring talk about the important things in life as he faces his imminent death from pancreatic cancer.	video 1 hr 16 min.	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jj5_MqicxSo">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jj5_MqicxSo</a>
<b>Cancer Stories, Poems, and Limericks:</b> written by Scottish cancer patients.	print	<a href="http://www.scan.scot.nhs.uk/Cancer%20Stories/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.scan.scot.nhs.uk/Cancer%20Stories/Pages/default.aspx</a>
<b>Poems, Philosophy, and Cancer:</b> a huge selection of poems written by cancer patients.	print	<a href="http://www.cancernet.co.uk/poems.htm">http://www.cancernet.co.uk/poems.htm</a>