

# Ethnographic surprises and crisis

## Studying clinician-researchers in Johannesburg

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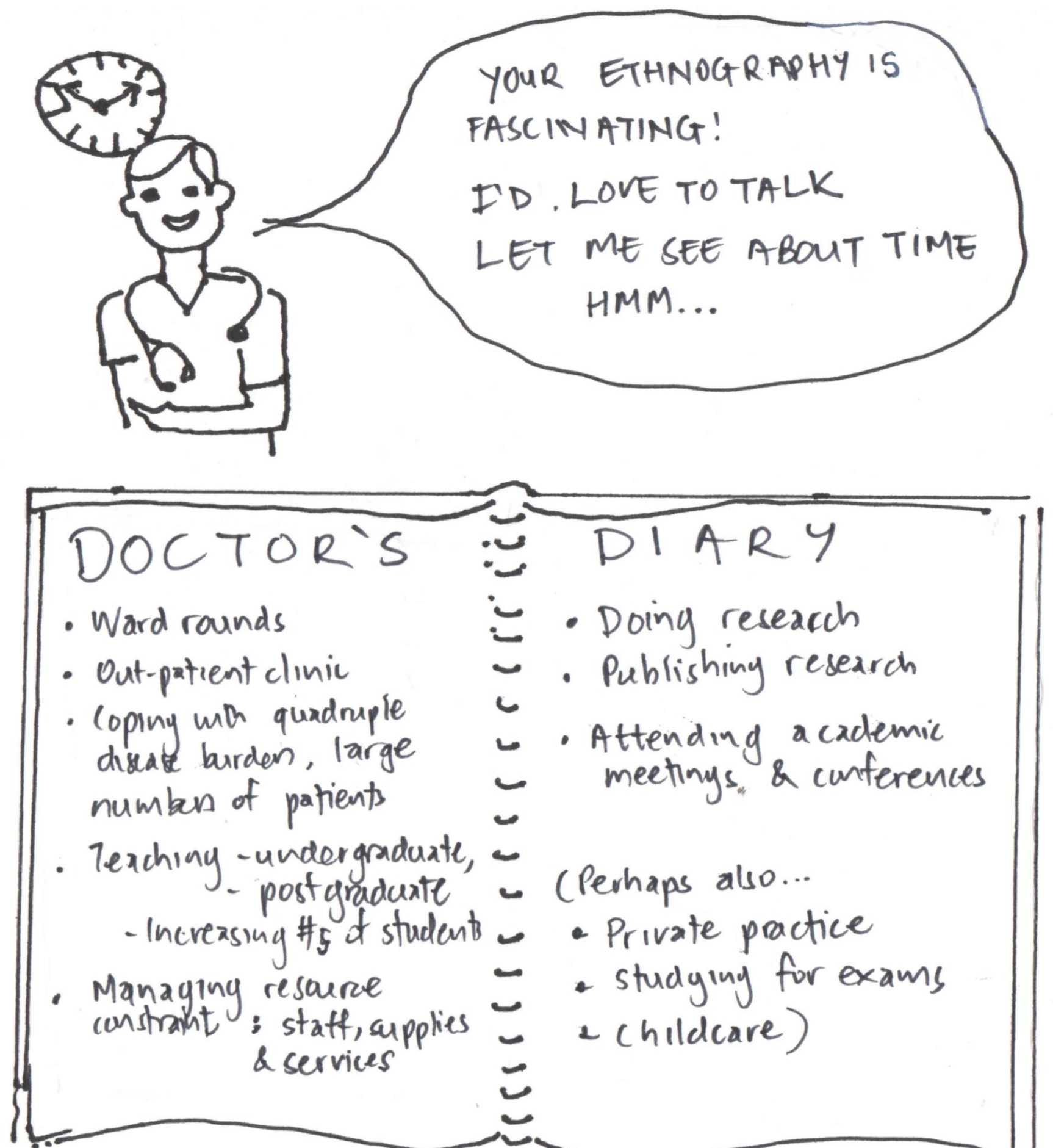
### 1. ENTERING THE FIELD - (ASSUMED) DISCIPLINARY DIVIDE



### 2. PERFORMING PRAGMATISM, ON OCCASION



### 3. BUT, EPISTEMOLOGICAL HOSTILITY ISN'T THE ISSUE



### 4. HAPPY SURPRISE! BEING AN INSIDER IS EASY



### 5. HAPPY SURPRISE! ETHNOGRAPHIC EXPERTISE IS VALUED



### 6. RESENTMENT



### 7. EXISTENTIAL CRISIS AND HEALTHCARE CRISIS



### 8. EXISTENTIAL CRISIS - ETHNOGRAPHY OR POLITICS?



### 9. REPRESENTATIONAL CRISIS - ONGOING

- HOW DO I WRITE ABOUT INSTITUTIONS & CRISIS WITHOUT WRITING UNCritically OR PROBLEMatically ABOUT AFRICA?
- HOW DO I WRITE ABOUT POWERFUL FIGURES IN THE SAME UNIVERSITY AS ME?
- HOW DO I NOT COMMIT KNEEJERK CRITIQUE?

