



I hear you

During the first few months of medical school, we are learning to be better communicators. The phrase that has resonated with me the most was, "Treat your patients like how you want your loved ones to be treated." Pictured here are the hands of my 4-year-old nephew and 93-year-old grandmother clasped on top of mine. This imagery reflects their trust and belief in me as I embark on this new chapter. To me, this is the epitome of what it means to be a doctor. We are here to serve everyone, young and old, and it is an incredible honour to be welcomed into the personal lives of our patients. The stethoscope has long been a symbol of the medical profession but beyond its practical purpose as an auscultation tool, it is a precious representation of the doctor's duty and privilege to truly listen to their patient's stories. Who are they as a person? What do they like? What is meaningful to them? At its core, medicine is a unique art that fully embraces the human condition. As physicians walk alongside their patients through the highs and lows of life, trust, respect, and honesty are the cornerstones of genuine connections. This picture serves as a visual reminder of my commitment. To all my future patients, I am here to listen.