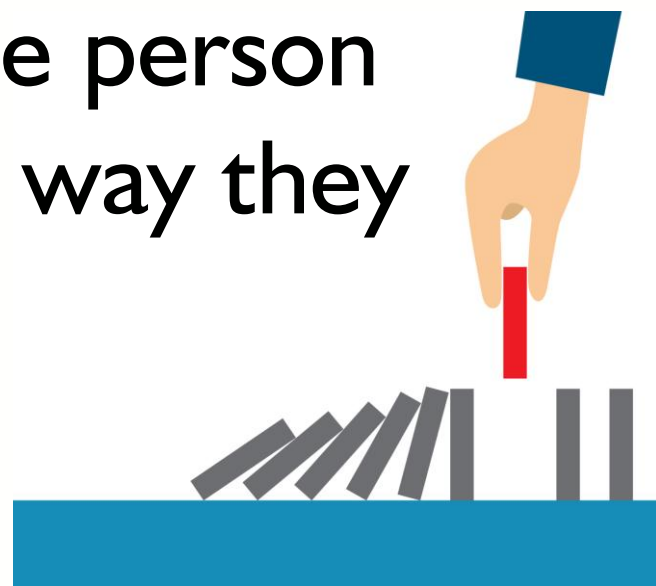



10 Hallmarks of a Great Psychiatrist

A great psychiatrist


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I. Knows the disease, the person with the disease, and the way they interact






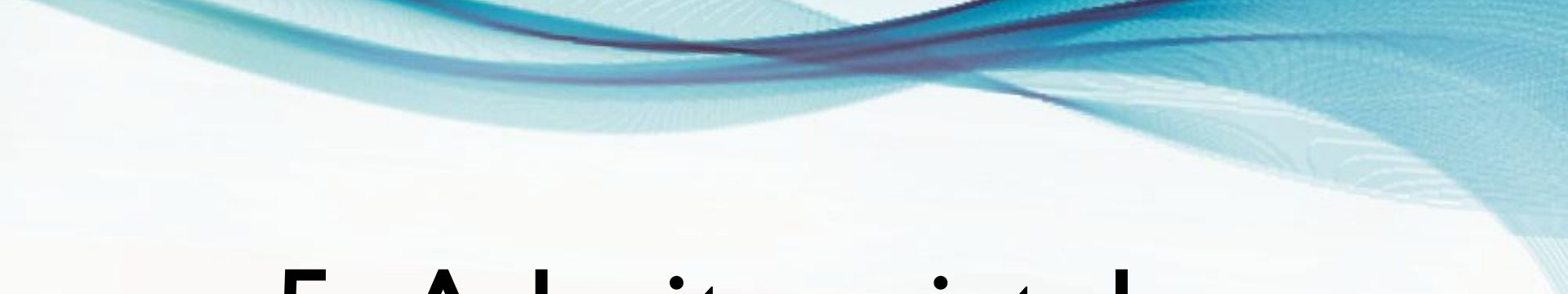
**2. Intuits the right
question, the time to
pose it, and best mode
of inquiry**




**3. Listens—and not
only listens but
hears—with mind and
heart conjoined**




**4. Presents risks and
benefits, and
encourages
autonomous decision-
making**




**5. Admits mistakes
and tries to learn
from them—practice
makes progress**




6. Practices the
Hippocratic Oath:
*“Primum non
nocerum (First do
no harm)”*




7. Remembers: in the etymology of physician, Greek *physis* means “nature”



**8. Finds himself “in”
the patient, creates a
trusting bond, then
changes himself**



**9. Chooses to be a
participant-observer:
neither bleeding
heart nor cold fish**



**10. Prescribes the
best medicine—love;
if that doesn't work,
increases the dose**

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