

# Three generations

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## **Alan Blum**

### **About the artist:**

Alan Blum is a professor and Gerald Leon Wallace MD Endowed Chair in family medicine at the University of Alabama School of Medicine in Tuscaloosa. A self-taught artist, he has published three books of his sketches and stories of patients, and his artworks have appeared in more than a dozen medical journals and textbooks. Many of his sketches have appeared in [Pulse](#). He is a frequent guest speaker at medical schools in courses in the humanities.

### **About the artwork:**

“This was in a small room at a children’s hospital over twenty-five years ago. As with nearly all of my sketches, I made it on the spur of the moment—struck by the young patient, his mother and his grandmother huddled in silence, caring for one another. It’s my only drawing of three generations.”

### **Visuals editor:**

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