

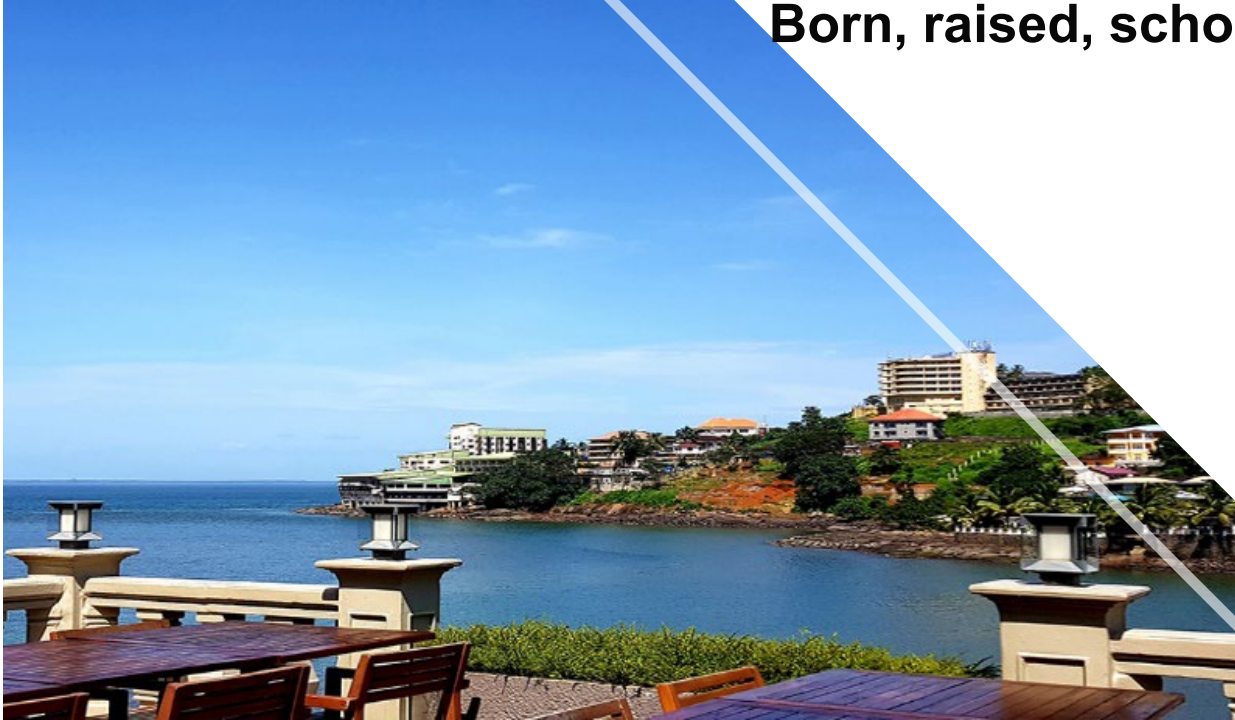
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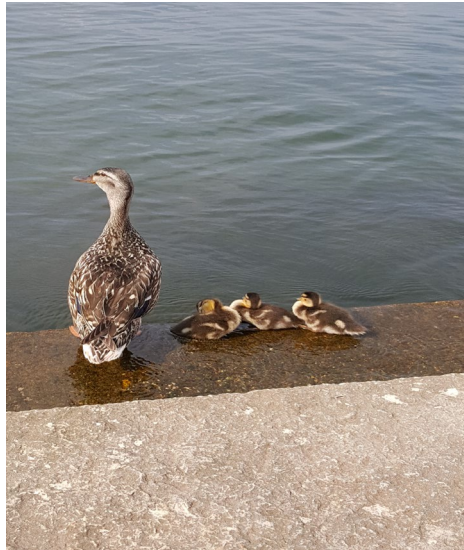


ABOUT ME

Born, raised, schooled – Sierra Leone

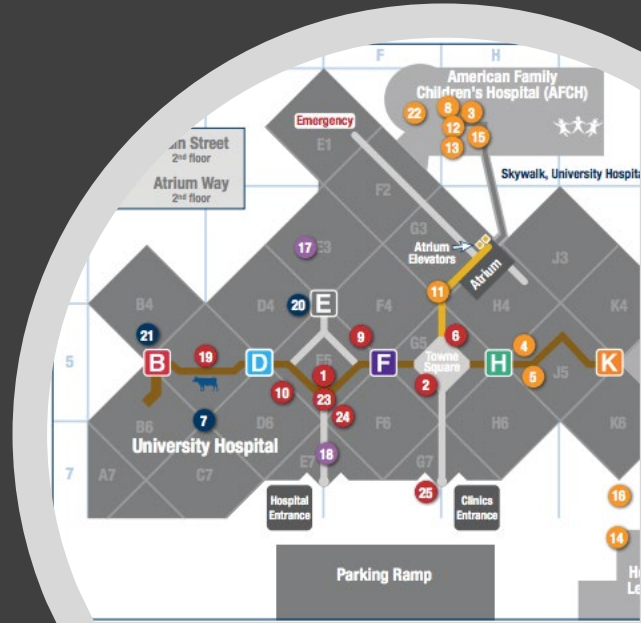


When I'm not
working...





MY EXPERIENCE WITH TB



HOW I GOT IT

I. DON'T. KNOW.

HOW IT GOT ME

“Persons at high risk for developing TB disease fall into two categories” (CDC):

- Persons who have been recently infected with TB bacteria
- Persons with medical conditions that weaken the immune system
 - E. g. Severe kidney disease

NAVIGATING THE HEALTH SYSTEM/DOT



The Lulls

- Nurse Care Management
- Consistent daily therapy
- My nurses & doctors
- Insurance



The Worries

- Appointments v. Classes
- Multiple providers
- Comorbidity
- Collections



Having TB as an Immigrant



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Racism in Health Care Isn't Always Obvious

As physicians, we believe that recognizing it begins with understanding our own
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By Joseph V. Sakran, Ebony Jade Hilton, Chethan Sathya on July 9, 2020

Could have used...



More coordination among different practitioners/providers



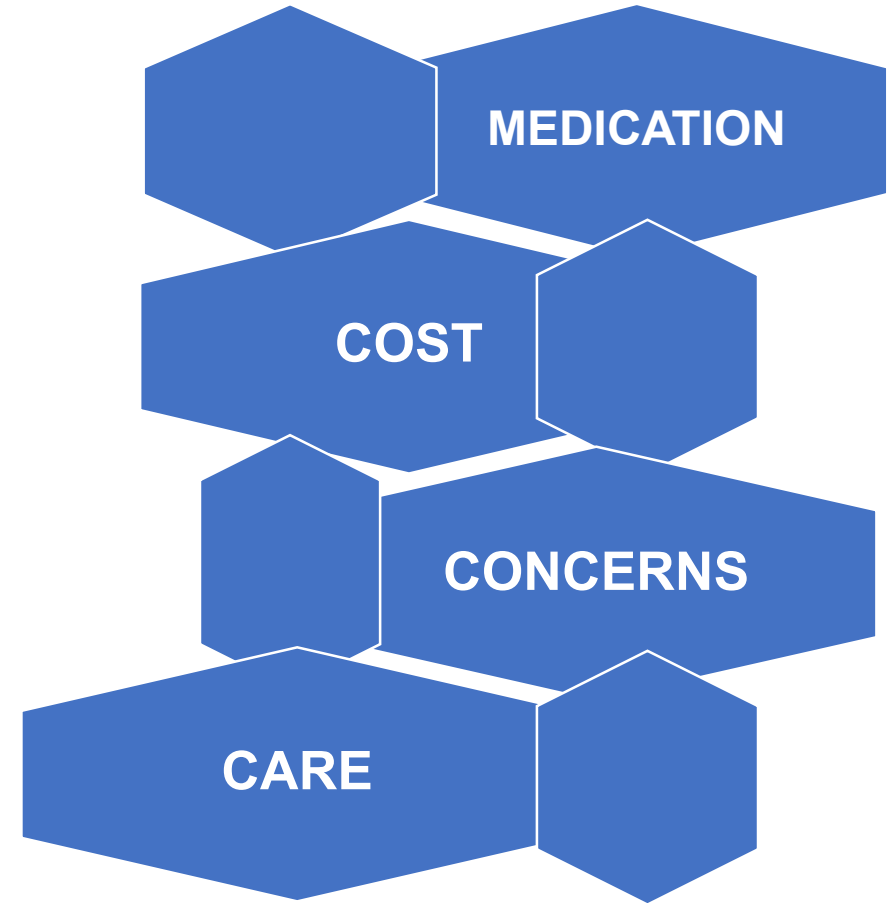
Less contact from debt collectors during treatment/ailment



More information on what is/isn't covered by treatment assistance



WHAT WAS MOST IMPORTANT TO ME





Thank you