

Speaking up—when doctors navigate medical hierarchy.

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This commentary relates a compelling account of how, after a patient's death, two physicians realized that each had harbored qualms about his fitness for surgery but neither spoke up. The author explains how their experience offers lessons on the implications of tacit [hierarchy](#), as well as a path to overcoming it.