

I was good at being a doctor; my patients liked me. At times people trust you with things they wouldn't tell their spouses. It was a real privilege.

— *Khaled Hosseini* —

# Overlap Between Medicine And Literature

C1-C2

Module 8

Here's What We  
Will Be Learning  
in this  
Presentation:



# SUMMARY

- Introduction.
- Some famous writer doctors.
- Prescribed reading: why medicine is good training for writing fiction.
- Exercise.

# Vocabulary

**Scalpel:** a knife with a small, sharp, sometimes detachable blade, as used by a surgeon.

**Penal:** used as a place of confinement and punishment.

**Posthumously:** happening after a person's death.

**Paranoia:** an extreme and unreasonable feeling that other people do not like you or are going to harm or criticize you.

**Jettison:** (in this context) to decide not to use an idea or plan.

**Immunologist:** a branch of biology that covers the study of immune systems in all organisms.

**Ringside seat** (idiom): to be in a position where you can see or observe something very well.