“Being Mortal”: Medicine and What Matters in the End” (102)

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Objectives

• Understand key lessons from palliative care and hospice most useful to nonspecialists.
• Understand strategies for increasing end-of-life conversations sooner for the seriously ill.

A surgeon and writer investigates the failures of medicine and society, including in his own training and practice, to coherently manage mortality. Dr. Gawande attempts to define what the purpose of medicine is to enable well-being, which is larger than just survival and health for most people.