

MIND TO MIND

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“I, Am a Person”

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I
I am a patient.
I am not an Appy. a Chole. a Crani.
a Bowel Obstruction. a Transplant. a Hernia.
a VATS. a Torsion. a Carotid.

I am not a disease.
I, am a patient.

I am a patient.
I am not an a-line to be placed, an IJ to cannulate, a swan to be floated.
I am not a trachea to be intubated, a nerve to block, an epidural
to be bolused.
I am not a difficult IV access, a difficult airway, or an awake fiber optic.

I am not a procedure.
I, am a patient.

I am a patient.
I am not a GA, a spinal, a MAC.
I am not a tube, an LMA, a nasal cannula.
I am not a full stomach, a CO₂ retainer, or a chronic pain.

I am not an anesthetic.
I, am a patient.

I am a patient.
I am a Coworker. a Colleague. a Friend.
I am a Volunteer. a Neighbor. a Brother.
I am a Husband. a Father. a Son.

I am not a patient.
I, am a Person.

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