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## HEALTH MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES

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### 55 Word Stories

- Think of a compelling story
- Write down everything you can think of
- Don't edit – just write
- Read it over
- Begin editing – sometimes ruthlessly
- Trim to 55 words
  - Title doesn't count
  - Contractions are single words
  - Eliminating articles can help
- Invitation to share

*Fogarty, C. (2010) Fifty-five Word Stories: "Small Jewels" for Personal Reflection and Teaching. Family Medicine, 42 (6) 400-402.*

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