

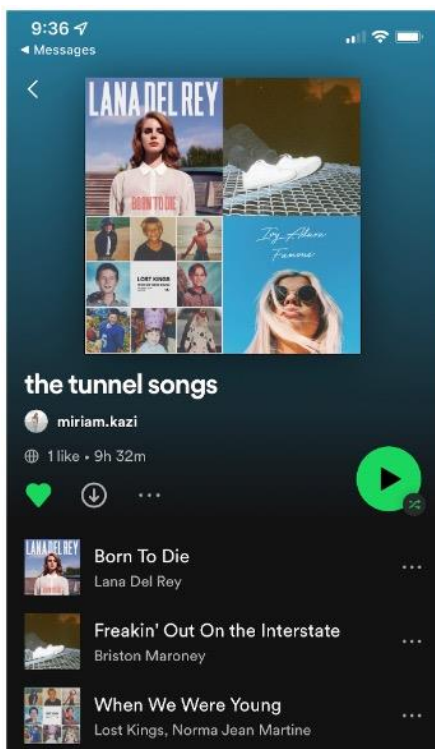
dear residents

Generation C

April 17, 2022

Dear Residents,

It's Easter, Passover, the middle of Ramadan, and Vaisakhi – a confluence that is unusual, yet a timely reminder of the common bond of humanity. We witness this each day, within our own program, in the people we work with, and in the patients we take care of. We are inseparably connected. In some ways we are all becoming [Generation C](#) (the newest generation). C = connected, content-centric, covid-constrained, climate-conscious and constantly clicking. I think you are already using Haiku for rounds (instead of a printed list) and Twitter to keep up with what's worth paying attention to. You are connected to each other through TikTok and Instagram and all your stuff is stored in the cloud. Miriam is home for the weekend and was seamlessly streaming her Spotify playlist as she readily connected *her* iPhone to *my* car! I liked a few of the songs, so she shared her playlist with me – an effortless text that opened my Spotify app permitting me to promptly “favorite” it. She must have spent hours curating it and it took me a few seconds to adopt it. We share in ways we didn't previously – we “like”, we “retweet” – we connect at so many levels.



My father was born in 1920. He visited me in Dallas in December 1999 (Miriam's birth). He then travelled North to New York to witness the turn of the century in Times Square. He never imagined that the world would ever be this way. He was the silent generation type, his world shaped by World War II. In the years just prior to his death, our main communication was through FaceTime – he always marveled that this was even possible, thousands of miles apart. I've been on rheumatology consults, and I can see how facile you are with information, the ease with which you navigate the EHR, pull up images, trend labs and call Language Line Solutions. It is all marvelous to witness. You already know what ails your patients even before you meet them. And they also know who you are. Just this week, one of our patients announced that she had already read about each of us online!

I can't wait to see how you will change the world. I know that you are fully connected and are a community of the concerned. That you will manage carbon and climate. That you will care with compassion and conscience. That the future will be shaped by you.

Wishing you a beautiful week,

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