Leveraging a Humanities Background for Medical Writing and Editing

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Abstract
An education in the humanities provides a strong background and useful skills for a career in medical writing and editing. I will share the story of my path from a humanities PhD to a career in scientific editing in a university research hospital, placing particular emphasis on aspects of my education and experience that I “repurposed” along the way. I will also provide practical tips to help those new to medical writing and editing to leverage their humanities background to enter and thrive in the field.

Speaker Bio
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