

Good Intentions: The Nature of Good and Bad, Negatives and Positives  
Or  
Hospital Gift Shop Sells Road Signs in Hell  
(A Rant)

A list of things to look out for:

1. doctors, nurses, visitors,  
making light of things:  
cancer jokes?  
(that make no sense)  
cosmic metaphors?  
(in the bowels of hospitals)

All good intentions, I assure you.

2. reminders that you have cancer:  
pink ribbon pins  
cheesy bumper stickers  
graphic t-s with corporate sponsors  
“FUCK CANCER!” gift cards ...

3. Cheap commerical consolations!

All good intentions?  
Or  
maybe

4. Evidence of the need to explain  
a beloved's absence

All good intentions,  
the best really..  
to  
smooth  
the way  
out and on  
to the next exam room

5. the absence of POC  
(those outside of the medical caste system)

Lastly  
but maybe,  
most importantly,

6. The natural consequence of  
institutionalized care taking

mental illness

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