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## Letters to the Editor

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### To the editor:

In relation to Kathleen Heinrich's interesting article "Doctoral Women as Passionate Scholars: An Exploratory Inquiry of Passionate Dissertation Scholarship" (ANS 23:3, March 2001), I was surprised by the absence of any reference to researchers' illness episodes as part of the embodied doctoral journey. My observation is that critical moments of this personally "risky" scholarly pursuit are often accompanied by illness. I'd be interested to know if others recognise this phenomenon and, if so, whether the post-recovery period is associated with epistemological insights?

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