

## ***A Picture of Health***

2022, Installation

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For years, I have been curious about the artwork found in the offices of my doctors and therapists. When I was on Medicaid, following referral after referral for chronic pain, I remember one particularly excruciating three-hour wait, staring at a landscape painting. It was arguably one of the longest times I've contemplated a single work of art. Who made it and how was it chosen? What is the role of art while you wait or receive treatment? And what would happen if this artwork returned to—or made its way for the first time to—an art gallery?

*A Picture of Health* presents artwork borrowed from the offices of twenty-seven healthcare providers in the Philadelphia area. This project stems from an ongoing interest in conceptions of art and its value in non-art settings. In each participating office, I have installed a monochromatic painting in place of the loaned artwork. An aesthetic intervention into these offices, each conspicuously minimalist placeholder draws attention to what's missing and to the decorative choices of the space. Whereas typical representational artworks serve as portals into another space, these minimalist paintings announce themselves as flat, planar objects—they don't aim to transport or transcend, instead they just "are," in the here and now of a waiting room. So, hypothetically, there is a simultaneous, multi-sited painting exhibition across twenty-seven offices in Philadelphia—a shadow exhibition to the one you see here.

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- 1 Cathaya, LLC**  
**Alice Wang, LCSW, MSW, MEd**  
Trauma and grief psychotherapy (practicing virtually)  
#1644 1500 Chestnut St. Suite 2, Phila, PA 19102  
Artwork: Unknown, ink print  
  
As a therapist, I support my patients in writing and re-writing their stories. Inherited from a former supervisor, this typewriter print serves as a reminder of the ways we have agency in our own narratives.
- 2 Acupuncture Medical**  
**Qingyao Shi, ACU**  
1737 Chestnut Street, Suite 200, Phila, PA 19103  
Artwork: Unknown, Photo
- 3 Rittenhouse Dental Group**  
**Jian Huang, DMD PhD**  
Specialty: Dentistry  
255 S. 17th Street #2807, Phila, PA 19103  
Artwork: Unknown, Print reproduction  
  
Enjoy this display from Rittenhouse Dental Group! If you are reading this, then please note we are getting ready to celebrate our 2nd Invisalign Savings Day! You can save \$500 off of your treatment or have 24 months of 0% interest. Pick up a flyer today! Look for JJ.
- 4 Rhodes Family Chiropractic**  
**Dr. George Rhodes, Chiropractor**  
Specialty: Vitalistic Chiropractic  
2409 Waverly Street, Phila, PA 19146  
Artwork: Rhodes Family Chiropractic, 2021, Painting, Ella Rhodes  
  
Dr. Rhodes was called to be a chiropractor in 1976 immediately following his first adjustment. For nearly 40 years he has practiced the philosophy, science, and art of chiropractic. Every chiropractic adjustment improves brain function and provides more complete connection to one's source of life. Chiropractic is about your life.
- 5 Rittenhouse Smiles**  
**Dr. Andrea Cronin, DDS**  
Specialties: Family, Cosmetic and Implant Dentistry  
255 S. 17th Street, Suite 2301, Phila, PA 19103  
Artwork: *Parc, Rittenhouse Square*, Oil on canvas, John Schmiechen (patient)
- 6 Ann F. Corson, M.D.**  
**Specialty: Integrative Family Medicine**  
255 S. 17th Street, Suite 1303, Phila, PA 19103  
Artwork: *Shen Yun Performing Arts*, 2011, Poster
- 7 Stoll Medical**  
**Steven Stoll, MD**  
**Family medicine services**  
1528 Walnut St. #950, Phila, PA 19102  
Unknown, Print reproduction
- 8 A Hearing Healthcare Center**  
**Lisa A. Blackman, MA, CCC-A**  
Specialties: Audiology, Hearing Test, Licensed Tinnitus Clinician  
1900 Rittenhouse Square, Phila, PA 19103  
Artwork: *The Listener*, 1986, Pencil, Eddy
- 9 Kensington Hospital Primary Care Clinic**  
**Dr. Joanne Galasso, DNP**  
Specialty: Primary Care, Pulmonology, Podiatry, Diabetes Education, Nutrition  
136 W. Diamond Street, Phila, PA 19122  
Artwork: *Chaumes de Cordeville*, Vincent Van Gogh, Poster
- 10 Joseph M. Lichtman, M.D.**  
**Specialty: General Practitioner**  
514 S. 4th Street, Phila, PA 19147  
Artwork: Textile, Abby Lichtman

- 11 Dr. Veronica Valdes, DDS**  
**Specialty: Dentistry**  
 542 E. Girard Avenue, Phila, PA 19125  
 Artwork: *Rittenhouse Square*, 1989, water color, Joe Barker
- 12 Rittenhouse Psychiatric Associates**  
**Chris Pagani, M.D.**  
 Specialties: Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences  
 1528 Walnut Street, Suite 1414 & 1415, Phila, PA19102  
 Artwork: Photograph, c. 2019, Philippe Perkins of Perkins Multimedia
- 13 West Philly Community Acupuncture**  
**Sarah Lefkowich, L.A.C.**  
 Specialty: Acupuncture  
 4636 Woodland Avenue, Phila, PA 19143  
 Artwork: *San Francisco*, 2003, Oil painting, Wendy Lefkowich
- 14 Pennsylvania Hospital Radiation Oncology**  
**Suneel Nagda, M.D.**  
 Specialty: Radiation Oncology  
 800 Spruce Street, Phila, PA 19107  
 Artwork: *Untitled*, 2012, Photograph, Suneel Nagda
- 15 Smile Philadelphian**  
**Richard Wilson, DMD**  
 Specialty: Dentistry  
 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 1A8, Phila, PA 19130  
 Artwork: *Barnegat Light*, c. 1972, Watercolor, Peggy Eckhardt (mother of doctor)
- 16 Springfield Psychological**  
**Courtney Davey, MA, LMFT**  
 Specialty: Mental Health  
 1420 Walnut Street #802, Phila, PA 19102  
 Artwork: *Morning on Sea*, 2021, Painting, Courtney Davey
- This is a paint by numbers that I completed during the pandemic as part of my own mental health self care.
- 17 Fishtown Dentistry**  
**Raha Mozaffari, DMD**  
 Specialty: General Dentistry  
 244 E. Girard Avenue, Phila, PA 19125  
 Artwork: No art information, made by a former patient
- We are a small friendly local dental office in the heart of Fishtown, dedicated to our patients and neighbors!
- 18 Dr. Peter Hunt, BDS, Msc., LDSRCS Eng**  
 Specialties: Periodontics and Periodontal Prosthesis  
 266 S. 21st Street, Phila, PA 19103  
 Artwork: *Ancient Dental Collage*, Wood block, Peter Hunt
- 19 Walters Counseling, LLC**  
**Jennifer Walters, MA, LPC**  
 Mental health counseling  
 1740 South St. Suite 403, Phila, PA 19146  
 Artwork: *Spring*, 2019, photo, Jennifer Walters
- 20 Matthew C. Frankel, MD, FACP**  
**Internal Medicine**  
 135 S 19th St, Phila, PA 19103  
 Artwork: Print reproduction of water color, Jean-Michel Folon
- 21 PHA Adult Medicine**  
**Wilbert Warren, M.D.**  
 Specialty: Internal Medicine  
 1740 South Street, Suite 300, Phila, PA 19146  
 Artwork: Unknown, Print reproduction
- PHA Adult Medicine provides comprehensive primary care to address acute and chronic medical issues of adult patients 18 years of age and older. As a medical home, we offer a team-based approach to providing your healthcare. Together, we work to coordinate the services you need with other doctors, hospital and community services.
- 22 Art of Smile**  
**Amy James, DMD, MS**  
 1901 Christian St. Phila, PA 19146  
 Artwork: Unknown painting
- 23 Center City Pediatrics**  
**Eric Berger, M.D.**  
 Specialty: Pediatrics  
 1740 South Street, #200, Phila, PA 19146  
 Artwork: Photo of staff member's children, Dr. Eric Berger
- 24 Allison Harris, LCSW**  
**Specialty: Psychotherapy**  
 4833 Pine Street, #C 2, Phila, PA 19143  
 Artwork: Unknown print reproduction
- 25 Grays Ferry Medical Practice**  
**Carver Hills, MD**  
 Family Medicine and Internal Medicine  
 235 North Broad St. Phila, PA 19107  
 Artwork: Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, 1995, Poster
- 26 Chestnut Hill Allergy & Asthma Associates**  
**Manav N. Segal, M.D.**  
 Specialty: Allergy and Asthma/ Immunology  
 8200 Flourtown Avenue, Suite 4, Wyndmoor, PA 19038  
 Artwork: *L'Atelier de Cézanne*, Poster
- 27 Arrive Therapy**  
**Alex Stefanini, MS LPC**  
 Specialty: Gender Counseling  
 30 S. Valley Road, Suite 102, Paoli, PA 19301