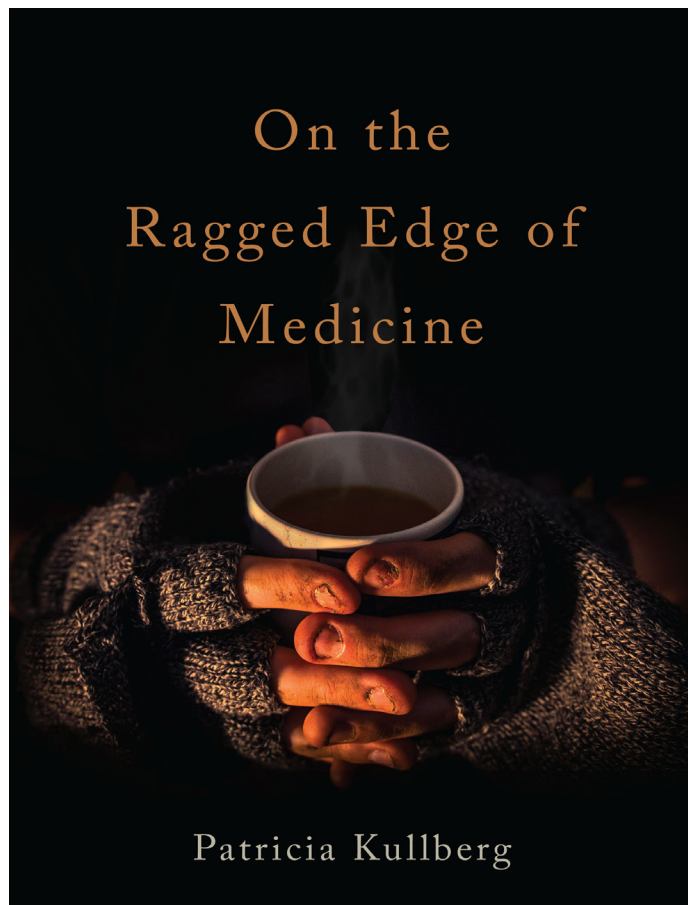


On the Ragged Edge of Medicine

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Through her work as a physician in a clinic for the poor and homeless in downtown Portland, Dr. Patricia Kullberg weaves together a collection of compelling narratives illustrating the lives and inequalities of society's underclass. Kullberg delves into her daily interactions, exploring and revealing her mistakes, the tactics leading to success, and the strategies she used to keep her sanity.

Divided into nine chapters, the book lends a new perspective to the patient-doctor relationship while examining the chaos and real-life occurrences that are often hidden from view. A life-saving procedure is refused without explanation; an agoraphobic woman suffers silently and fails to cope; an accidental overdose takes another life. Kullberg fills the pages with questions about the realities people face in their everyday lives and how these are confronted in the eyes of their doctor.

Accessible for a lay audience, professionals, and anyone interested in health care, the social services, and interpersonal relations, *On the Ragged Edge of Medicine* draws the reader into the tragedies and mishaps of medicine in Oregon's largest city.

About the Author:

Patricia Kullberg, MD, MPH, served two decades as Medical Director at Multnomah County Health Department, including a part time medical practice serving persons living with physical, mental and addiction disorders. She has written award-winning articles about health and medicine, and in 2015 published her first novel, *Girl in the River*, about the intimate life of a working girl in mid-twentieth century Portland. Kullberg and her husband live in her home town, Portland, Oregon, where she facilitates writing workshops for incarcerated women through Write Around Portland and occasionally operates the board at Portland's community radio station, KBOO.

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