Quiz #1

- What is the Hippocratic Oath? Please define and describe it.
 - The hippocratic oath is an ethical code adopted by medical professionals relating to their conduct when treating patients. The oath makes it so that those who follow it only act in the best interests of their patients, and avoid harming their patients.
- What are some of the difficulties that Shmerling lays out between patient benefit and 'do no harm'?
 - Some of the difficulties Shmerling lays out between the concepts of patient benefit and "do no harm" is that do no harm does not necessarily require the doctor to act in the patient's best interest as doing nothing counts as doing no harm. And there is no clear priority given to the avoidance of harm over the goal of providing help, which should be a higher priority.
- Why does Shmerling question if 'do no harm' is even possible?
 - Shmerling questions if 'do no harm' is even possible because some harm is needed to treat larger underlying problems like how in surgery the patient is technically being cut open in order for the surgeon to administer treatment, so these two ideas are somewhat at odds with one another.