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My father name' me after
Elroy Hirsch of the L.A. Rams.
Never seen my father since I was two,
and he ain't never tried to contact me.
Only thing he gave me was my name.

Everyone has a name story, and in caring for patients I've found that simply asking "How did you get your name?" or "Who are you named after?" has been a wonderful way to get to know them better. I encourage the medical students and residents to ask their patients how they got their names (even if the name isn't so unusual). It really is a wonderful way to get closer.

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