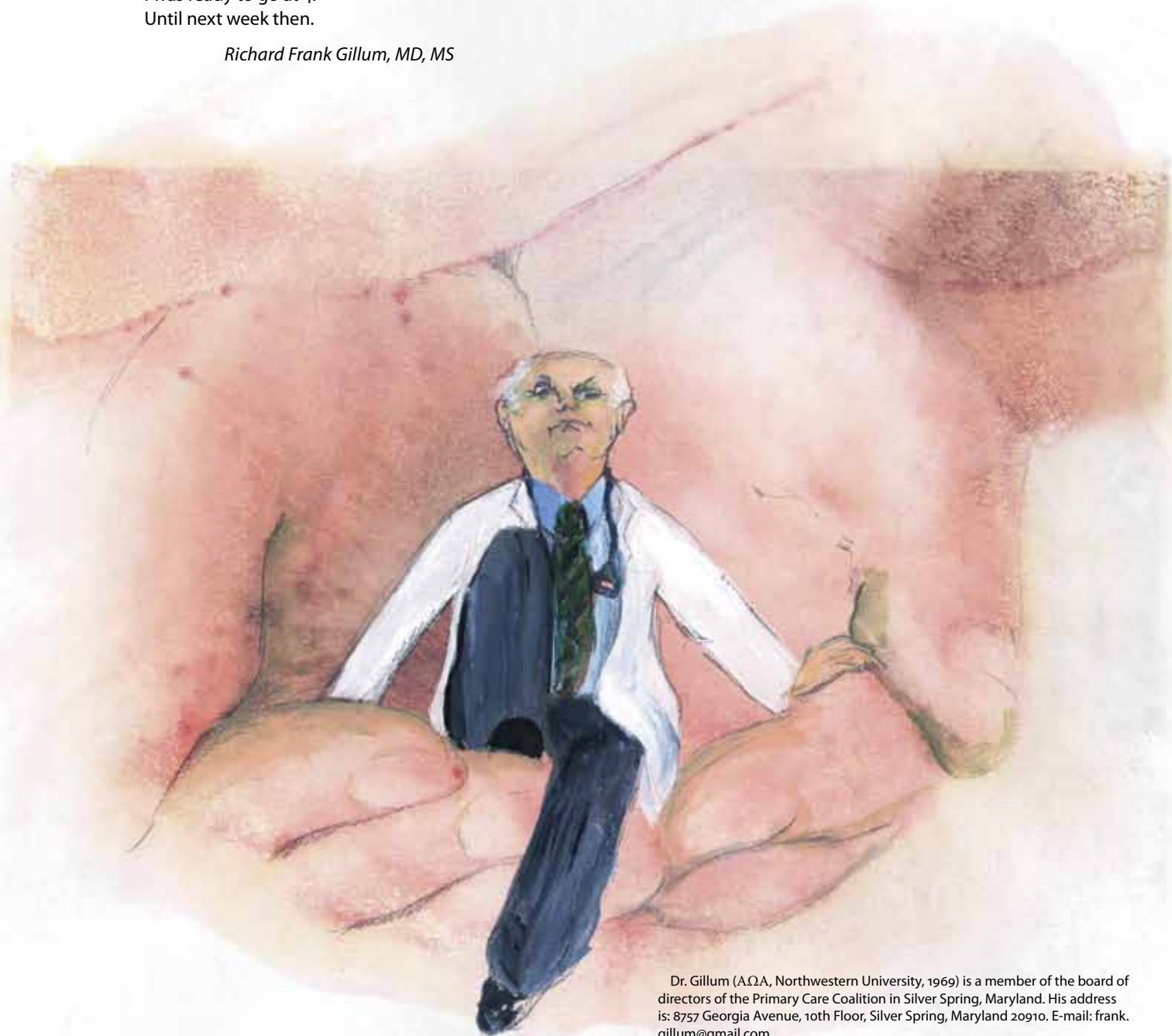


Emeritus

The division chief picks me up
From home once a week.
He calls me his mentor,
Lets me use his hospital office
And his computer for the day.
But I do not have the door key and
His screen saver locks me out.
I keep putting off finishing the
Paper he keeps asking about,
But my new ideas yield negative
Results—hard to publish
Negative results.
He leaves at 7 but
I was ready to go at 4.
Until next week then.

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