

I SEE YOU



- *Through the Eyes of a COVID19 CCMB SCREENER*

I see you, beautiful patient.

I see you tentatively walking up to our front entrance double doors.

I see the look of confusion on your face as you enter and are greeted with DO NOT PROCEED signs, directional arrows, staff covered from head to toe in personal protection equipment.

I see you strain to comprehend what is expected out of you between a high level of background noise and the muted voices of screening staff behind masks.

I see your patience, your understanding as we address our scripted COVID19 questions towards you, six feet apart.

I see you wanting to do your best. To please us with your honest answers, eager to sanitize your hands.

I see your fear and confusion as we turn your loved ones away. Your distress and uneasiness, knowing you must endure your appointments/treatments alone.

But above all, I see your **courage** as you struggle with your health, your fears, and yet you still manage a smile, pleasant conversation, and gratitude for keeping you safe.

I hope you see the smile behind my mask. I hope you see the admiration, the empathy I have for you. I hope you see how much you have taught me in this uncertain time about strength, resilience and the beauty of humanity.

Because...

I see you, beautiful patient.

- *Lorraine Manson, RTR*