

Medical History

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I've been pregnant. I've had sex with a man
who's had sex with men. I can't sleep.

My mother has, my mother's mother had,
asthma. My father had a stroke. My father's
mother has high blood pressure.

Both grandfathers died from diabetes.

I drink. I don't smoke. Xanax for flying.

Propranolol for anxiety. My eyes are bad.

I'm spooked by wind. Cousin Lilly died
from an aneurysm. Aunt Hilda, a heart attack.

Uncle Ken, wise as he was, was hit
by a car as if to disprove whatever theory
toward which I write. And, I understand,
the stars in the sky are already dead.