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It's all about tension versus counter-tension
 Ativan for pre-op apprehension
 Bupivacaine in liposomal suspension

Jackson-Pratt's to prevent distention
 Tightened sphincters at first mention

Of a leak
 Free air - somewhere - and the stapler's weak
 Time to freak
 But methodically, set the next steps in motion
 Out with the trocars, we're converting to open.

Pre-plan, post-plan, and peri-act,
 unlike Picasso this art form's exact.
 It's all about what's viable and in tact
 Respecting the tissue
 while still addressing the issue

It's all about each step,
 and only then the composite:
 One can't make withdrawals without first deposits.

About assistance and focus,
 Multiple hands become one machine,
 hand-made and hand-done
 The most human form of pristine
 Hands on hands, and the stages are set,
 the lap pads are dry and the saline is wet.

The aim is to help, to detract, to correct.
 It's all about that active drive to direct
 a symphony of instruments, technologies, and efforts;
 a repertoire of practiced and proven endeavors

To read, to learn, to train, to execute
 To figure out how in the hell to be resolute

In a career of statistics, risk factors,
 and uncertainties
 Yet also a sport, an art, a way
 of doing *everything purposefully*

It's all about urgency and diagnosis,
 It's all about doing your job best,
 Knowing over opining,
 conquering the beat in your chest.

Creativity meets productivity,
 Action smacks into reactivity.
 It's all about accuracy,
 spelling that word right, letter for letter
 It's all about the patient-
 all about making things better.