The Crucial Role of Stories in the Age of Modern Medicine

Learning Objectives
• To appreciate the role of human narrative in the practice of modern clinical medicine.
• To understand that evidence based medicine is also a practice which exists within the modern narrative.

Abstract
The human experience, and its story, has been at the center of the healing arts since prehistoric times. As medical knowledge has evolved, the narratives of science and technology have come to shape both our understanding of our world, and our understanding of what constitutes the best medical care. Now, in our age of evidence based medicine, will statistics replace stories? Or, in our age of diagnostics and pharmaceuticals, is the human narrative actually more crucial than ever to the compassionate and effective practice of medicine?

Wednesday, May 6th, 2015
4:30 pm to 6:00 pm
(please be on time)
Reception to follow - all welcome!

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