Tuesday, September 12, 2017 - This webinar will be delivered in English.

Presentation 1: 12:00 to 13:00 EST
Presentation 2: 12:00 to 13:00 PST (3:00pm-4:00pm EST)

Title: Humanism in Medicine: Reflection, Dialogue and the Possibilities of Care

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Outline:
We practice in a profession that requires both specialized knowledge and technical skill; however, it also deals with human beings at their most vulnerable moments—during times of suffering, loss, desolation and pain. Learning to practice medicine with excellence, compassion, and justice requires more than a background in the biomedical and clinical sciences; it demands a refinement of one’s ability to connect with others in order to provide critical assistance when it is needed the most. This approach lies at the heart of patient-centred care.

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Ultimately, the goal of this type of medical education is to enhance the development of physicians who display phronesis—practical wisdom that is directed at bettering oneself and society through a sensitivity towards and understanding of the human dimensions of chronic illness and medical care.