Treat the Patient, Heal the Person:
Embracing Spiritual and Cultural Diversity in Contemporary Health Practices

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Speaker Bios

Barry S. Anton is distinguished professor emeritus of psychology at the University of Puget Sound and founder and managing partner at Rainier Behavioral Health, a multi-disciplinary mental health practice in Tacoma, Washington. In 2015, he served as president of the American Psychological Association.

Rachel Cowan is a rabbi in the Reform Jewish tradition and co-founder of the Institute of Jewish Spirituality (IJS) where she was executive director and is currently a senior fellow. She is the co-author (with Dr. Linda Thal) of Wise Aging: Living with Joy, Resilience and Spirit and a consultant on IJS’s Wise Aging Initiative.

Jeanne Dennis, a trained social worker, is the former senior vice president of Visiting Nurse Service of New York Hospice and Palliative Care. She is past president of both the Hospice and Palliative Care Association of New York State and the California Hospice and Palliative Care Association.

Alan Dienstag is a clinical psychologist and the clinical director at Larchmont-Mamaroneck Community Counseling Center. An early leader in developing innovative treatments for Alzheimer’s disease, he co-founded (with novelist Don Delillo) a writing group for early-stage Alzheimer’s patients.

Marc Galanter, a medical doctor, is professor of psychiatry and the director of the Center for Spirituality and Healthcare at NYU Langone Medical Center. He is the author of Spirituality and the Healthy Mind: Science, Therapy and the Need for Personal Meaning (Oxford, 2005).

Rosanne Haggerty, is president and CEO of Community Solutions, an organization that works internationally to develop innovative strategies to end homelessness and strengthen communities. She has been named a MacArthur Foundation Fellow, an Ashoka Senior Fellow, and a Hunt Alternative Fund Prime Mover.

Nancy Kehoe is a clinical psychologist and director of Expanding Connections, an organization that develops working relationship among healthcare agencies, care facilities, and faith-based organizations. She is a member of the Religious of the Sacred Heart, a Roman Catholic women’s religious order.
Roberto Lewis-Fernandez is a medical doctor and professor of psychiatry at Columbia University Medical Center. He is director of the Hispanic Treatment Program at New York State Psychiatric Institute and president of the Society for the Study of Psychiatry and Culture.

James P. McCartin is associate professor of the history of Christianity at Fordham University and director of the Fordham Center on Religion and Culture. His research interests include the history of spirituality, sexuality, and death and dying in the modern United States.


Vivek Murthy is the Surgeon General of the United States. He is co-founder of both Doctors for America, a not-for-profit dedicated to expanding affordable healthcare access, and TrialNetworks, a cloud-based clinical trial system designed to optimize efficiency and safety in the release of new drug therapies.

M. Carrington Reid, a medical doctor, is the Irving Sherwood Wright Associate Professor in Geriatrics at Weill Cornell Medical College. His research interests include palliative care across ethnically diverse populations and the treatment of substance abuse in older persons.

Falguni Sen is professor of management systems in the Gabelli School of Business at Fordham University and director of Global Healthcare Innovation Management Center. His research interests include the pharmaceutical industry and the role of public trust in healthcare.

Richard Shweder is a cultural anthropologist and the William Claude Reavis Distinguished Service Professor of Human Development at the University of Chicago. His research explores, among other themes, the challenge of accommodating diverse psychological and medical needs in multicultural societies.

Andrew Solomon is professor of psychology at Columbia University Medical Center, president of the PEN American Center, and the National Book Award-winning author of *Far From the Tree: Parents, Children, and the Search for Identity* (Scribner, 2012) and *The Noonday Demon: An Atlas of Depression* (Scribner, 2001).

James R. Tallon, Jr., is president of the United Hospital Fund of New York, chair of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, and secretary/treasurer of the Alliance for Health Reform. He is also a former board member of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and the Center for Health Policy Development.