

MEDICINE: THE HISTORY AND THE MYSTERY

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Tuesdays starting September 26 through October 31 for six sessions | 10:00 a.m. - noon
IN-PERSON AT NSK | LECTURE/DISCUSSION | MAXIMUM OF 20

Overview

The presenters will look at medicine as practiced around 400 BC, from the time of Hippocrates to the current times. Each two-hour session will be divided as follows: Dr. Carman will deliver a lecture on medical history during the first hour. The path from Hippocrates to modern medicine contains numerous colorful characters and fascinating stories. Scientists, physicians, and humanitarians (both men and women) have great tales to tell. We will pay close attention to the scientific revolution that occurred during the Renaissance and the exponential progress of medicine during the past century.

Dr. Malin will present a brief essay followed by an open discussion related to the assigned weekly reading during the second hour. Among the themes and issues to be discussed are authority, informed consent, immortality, truth in medical research, the doctor-patient relationship, infectious disease and epidemics and their impact on history, surgical procedures and complications, and medical ethics.

Weekly Reading Assignments

Week	Topic
WEEK 1	SHIP FEVER Ship Fever, Andrea Barrett. 0393316009
WEEK 2	IMMORTAL LIFE OF HENRIETTA LACKS: CHPS 1-8, 17, 21-22, 29, AFTERWARD The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks 9781400052172
WEEK 3	ARROWSMITH PP. 5-206 Arrowsmith, Sinclair Lewis 0451519108 or any edition
WEEK 4	ARROWSMITH PP. 207-430 Arrowsmith, Sinclair Lewis 0451519108 or any edition
WEEK 5	RAPPACINNI'S DAUGHTER, MORPHINE Rappacinni's Daughter, Hawthorne available online at http://www.columbia.edu/
WEEK 6	COMPLICATIONS: CHPS EDUCATION OF A KNIFE, WHEN DOCTOR'S MAKE MISTAKES, WHEN GOOD DOCTORS GO BAD, THE PAIN PERPLEX, WHOSE BODY IS IT, ANYWAY? Complications, Atul Gawande. 0312421702