

UCSF Osher Mini Medical School for The Public

The Care of Vulnerable Patients: Partnering to Achieve Health Equity (COURSE #: MLL18001)

October 17 – December 12, 2017 (No session October 31 and November 21)

7:00pm – 8:30pm

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Course Description

Medical research over the last two decades has clearly documented that people of lower socioeconomic status and from minority racial and ethnic backgrounds have worse health and often receive a lower standard of health care. These worse health outcomes are attributed to inequity in distribution of resources and to the way that medicine is practiced. Initially termed disparities in health and healthcare, the poorer health and inferior healthcare received by the underprivileged are now pointedly referred to as inequities in health and health care. With this perspective, a person and a community's health and the healthcare they receive are measures of social justice.

The medical research suggesting that healthcare workers and the healthcare system contribute to inequities in health for vulnerable patients demands that medical education be recast to assure that medical care itself does not perpetuate societal injustices. Medical education must prepare health care workers to care for people who are poor, chronically ill, elderly, addicted, mentally ill, victims of violence, or from minority or disadvantaged backgrounds. Our course reframes traditional medical teaching integrating medical research and a social justice perspective to tackle some of the issues that complicate the care of underserved patients.

Lecture Schedule - 7:00pm – 8:30pm			
Date	Title	Speaker	Location
October 17, 2017	<i>Inequities in Health and Health Care</i>	Alicia Fernandez, MD Dean Schillinger, MD	School of Nursing Building, Room 217
October 24, 2017	<i>Access to Care in an Era of Uncertainty</i>	Andy Bindman, MD Dean Schillinger, MD	School of Nursing Building, Room 217

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November 7, 2017	<i>Substance Use--Addiction Theories, New Treatments, and the Role of Doctoring in Society</i>	Soraya Azari, MD Diana Coffa, MD Scott Steiger, MD	School of Nursing Building, Room 217
November 14, 2017	<i>Homelessness Among Older Adults: An Emerging Crisis</i> <i>Aging in the Prisons</i>	Margot Kushel, MD Brie Williams, MD	School of Nursing Building, Room 217
November 28, 2017	<i>Food Insecurity and Chronic Disease</i>	Hilary Seligman, MD	School of Nursing Building, Room 217
December 5, 2017	<i>Violence as a Health Care Issue: Trauma Informed Care</i>	Leigh Kimberg, MD	School of Nursing Building, Room 217
December 12, 2017	<i>Overcoming Barriers of Language and Immigration Status</i> <i>Promoting Health Literacy</i>	Alicia Fernandez, MD Margaret Wheeler, MD Dean Schillinger, MD	School of Nursing Building, Room 217