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**The Salim El-Hoss Bioethics and Professionalism Program at the American University of Beirut, Faculty of Medicine In joint sponsorship with Yale University announces its 7<sup>th</sup> national conference**

# **Empathy in Medicine: *Good or Bad?***

**Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013  
 Golden Tulip Serenada Hotel, Beirut, Lebanon**



# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## ***Program Overview***

This activity is the 7<sup>th</sup> National Conference held by the Salim El-Hoss Bioethics and Professionalism Program at the American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine. It aims at bringing physicians, residents, members of the healthcare team, nurses, public health professionals, and psychologists from all over Lebanon together to discuss issues pertaining to medicine in general and the relationship between the healthcare provider and the patient in particular.

## ***Objectives***

Upon completion of this program, participant will be able to:

- ✓ Understand what the mechanism of empathy is
- ✓ Understand the notion of empathy and the role it plays in the medical profession
- ✓ Appreciate how by improving your empathic attitude you will be able to understand your patients better
- ✓ Be aware how patient satisfaction improves when you empathize with them
- ✓ Recognize the importance of empathy in making moral judgments

## ***Target Audience***

This annual scientific meeting has been designed for physicians, residents, members of the healthcare team in all specialties, nurses, public health professionals, and psychologists.

## ***Venue***

The “*Empathy in Medicine: Good or Bad?*” conference will be held at the Golden Tulip Serenada Hotel, Beirut, Lebanon.

## ***Accreditation/Designation Statement***

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of The Yale School of Medicine and American University of Beirut. Yale School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. School of Medicine designates this educational activity for a maximum of 3.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

## ***Lebanese Order of Physicians Statement***

The “*Empathy in Medicine: Good or Bad?*” course also complies with the Lebanese Order of Physicians Continuing Medical Education guidelines.

## **Disclosure Policy**

It is the policy of Yale University School of Medicine, through its Center for Continuing Medical Education, to ensure balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor in all its educational programs. All faculty participating in this symposium are required to disclose to the program audience (orally or with slide): any relevant financial relationship(s) they (or spouse/partner) have with a commercial interest that benefits the individual in any financial amount that has occurred within the past 12 months; and the opportunity to affect the content of CME about the products or services of the commercial interest. The Center for Continuing Medical Education will ensure that any conflicts of interest are resolved before the educational activity occurs.

## **Registration**

The registration fee for this conference is \$20. Registration will include syllabus, coffee break and lunch.

For reservation and pre-registration kindly send an email to [ba45@aub.edu.lb](mailto:ba45@aub.edu.lb) to reserve a seat.

## **Activity Directors:**

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## **Featured International Faculty**

Raúl de Velasco, MD, FACP  
Chair, BHSF Bioethics Committee and Baptist Hospital Clinical Ethics Committee  
Director, Clinical Ethics University of Miami Ethics Program  
Voluntary Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine  
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## **Local Faculty**

Khairat Habbal, MD  
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**Dr. Raùl de Velasco**

Dr. de Velasco, Voluntary Associate Professor of Medicine, received his medical degree from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. After his medical internship at Jackson Memorial Hospital, he joined the Indian Division of the Public Health Service, serving as a medical officer in the Zuni and Navajo reservations for two years. Returning to Miami, he completed his internal medicine residency and nephrology fellowship at the Jackson Memorial/Veterans Administrations programs with the University of Miami. He is Board-certified in internal medicine and nephrology. Dr. de Velasco practiced nephrology in the Miami area for about 30 years, serving on numerous medical staff committees in local hospitals. He is past president of the Florida Society of Nephrology and former Medical Director of Kendall Dialysis Center. He chairs the Baptist Health System Bioethics Committee and the Clinical Ethics Committee at Baptist Health South Florida. He is a graduate student in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Miami. His main philosophical interests are in Pragmatism, the ethics of organ donation, and empathy as grounding medical ethics and morality.

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

**Saturday, November 2, 2013**

08:30 am – 09:00am	Registration
09:00 am – 09:10am	Opening Words Dr. Hassan El Solh
09:10 am – 09:15am	Welcome Dr. Thalia Arawi
09:15 am – 09:20 am	Screening of short video from Cleveland on Empathy
09:20 am – 10:00 am	What is Empathy? Dr. Raul de Velasco
10:00 am – 10:10 am	Questions and Answers
<b>10:10 am – 10:40 am</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
10:40 am – 11:00 am	Caring Spotlight Experience Dr. Thalia Arawi
11:00 am – 11:05 am	Questions and Answers
11:05 am – 11:35 am	View from the trenches and beyond Dr. Khairat Habbal
11:35 am – 11:45 am	Questions and Answers
11:45 am – 12:15 pm	Clinical Empathy or Detached Concerned? Dr. Raul de Velasco
12:15 pm – 12:25 pm	Questions and Answers
12:25 pm – 12:55 pm	Can Empathy be Measured and Taught? Dr. Raul de Velasco
12:55 pm – 1:05 pm	Questions and Answers
<b>1:05 pm</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>

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2. Login using your email address and password (*NOTE: You will have received an email from [cme@yale.edu](mailto:cme@yale.edu) with your password. If not, on the login page, please utilize the “Send Password” option*)
3. Click on Live Conferences
4. A list of your registered conferences will appear. Enter the eligible credits for the conference you wish to print your certificate
5. Click “Save”
6. Click “Start” to complete the evaluation; click “Submit”
7. Click “Print” to print your certificate

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