At the Intersection of Medicine and Spirituality is a required course for the second year medical students and part of the new Humanities in Medicine curriculum approved by the University of Louisville School of Medicine’s Educational Policy Committee.

The course consists of four 2 hour sessions, each of which focuses on a clinical scenario developed by Dean Halperin.

Each class session focuses on a “case study” with supporting reading materials and a self-directed Wiki case study. Each class session begins with an introduction by Dean Halperin, followed by a panel discussion, with panelists drawn from the faculties of the University of Louisville, the Archdiocese of Louisville, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, as well as members of the Louisville clergy and private medical practice communities. On January 3 and January 18, the panel discussion will be followed by a Question & Answer session led by Dean Halperin. Students are encouraged to question the panelists and participate in the discussions. On January 10 and January 24, the panel discussion will be followed by small group discussions facilitated by medical school faculty.

All sessions will be held in the Kornhauser Library Auditorium at the University of Louisville Health Sciences Center campus:
- January 3: 4:00 – 6:00 PM
- January 10: 2:00 – 4:00 PM
- January 18: 4:00 – 6:00 PM
- January 24: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Sessions are free and open to the public.

Course Schedule:

Session One: Monday, January 3, 2011
Case: Mrs. Doe and the Voices in Her Head
Lecture: An Introduction to Common Problems at the Intersection of Medicine and Spirituality

Session Two: Monday, January 10, 2011
Case: Religion and a Hospital Merger
Student Small Group Session: Follows panel

Session Three: Tuesday, January 18, 2011
Case: Marriage and Dementia

Session Four: Monday, January 24, 2011
Case: Will You Pray with Me, Doctor?
Student Small Group Session: Follows panel

For more information, please contact the Office of Medical Education 502.852.1862.

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