

MEDICAL HUMANITIES PROGRAM

Humanities Elective Course:
History of Medicine in A Day and a Walk !

Instructor: Steven J. Peitzman, MD, Professor of Medicine

Purpose and Description: Learn something about the roots of the profession and life for which you are now preparing. The course will occupy *a full day on Saturday, April 10, 2010*, at the Queen Lane Campus (lunch included), and students will be expected to attend Dr. Peitzman's celebrated medical-history walking tour of old Philadelphia. The walk will be scheduled on a Saturday or Sunday morning selected for the best convenience of those taking the class.

Topics will include: Hippocrates and the roots of Western medicine; highlights of change in medical thought and practice from Antiquity to the 20th Century; the evolution of medical education; the entry of women into medicine and the founding of Woman's Medical College (a predecessor of DUCoM); homeopathy and the founding of Hahnemann Medical College (our other predecessor).

Methods will include: discussion; illustrated lectures; at least one video; a "readers theatre" presentation; some in-class brief readings of original literature. The walking tour will include sites associated with medical care in early America, yellow fever, medical education, and important early American physicians and surgeons such as Benjamin Rush and Phillip Syng Physick. The tour takes about 2 hours.

Schedule: Main Class: Saturday, April 10, 9:00 am until 4:30 pm, with lunch included, in Seminar Room A1
Walking tour: to be arranged

Pre-registration for this course is required no later than MARCH 31. Since a lunch and space will be reserved, *students registering are expected to attend.* Register by notifying Roseann Bilardo, Humanities Program Coordinator, at roseann.bilardo@drexelmed.edu. For questions about the content of the course, email Dr. Peitzman at speitzma@drexelmed.edu



