“History of Medicine in a Day and a Walk!”

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Purpose and Description: Learn something about the roots of the profession and life for which you are now preparing. The two-component course will occupy a full day on Saturday, April 12 at the Queen Lane Campus (lunch included), and Dr. Peitzman’s popular history-of-medicine walking tour of Old Philadelphia, to be scheduled on a subsequent Saturday or Sunday morning (it takes about 2 hours).

Topics will include the following: Highlights of change in medical thought and practice from Hippocrates to the 20th Century; the germ theory; 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; a visit to the Legacy Center (DUCOM historical archives). The walking tour will include the nation’s first hospital; site of the outbreak of yellow fever in 1793; the building where both predecessor schools first held their graduations circa 1850; a surviving 19th-century dispensary building, etc.

Schedule: Saturday, April 12, 2014, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, with lunch included, in SAC A. The date of the walking tour will be scheduled to maximize convenience. Completing an electronic survey is a requirement of the course.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Enrollment is limited to 25 students. Since a lunch and space will be reserved, students registering are expected to attend. You can register by email or phone: contact Manju Mathen, Academic Coordinator- Manju.Mathen@drexelmed.edu; 215-991-8464, no later than April 5, 2013. For questions about the content of the course, email Dr. Peitzman at speitzma@drexelmed.edu. If you find that you are unable to attend, please notify the coordinator at least ten days prior to this elective.