

# THE POWER OF NARRATIVE MEDICINE

Helping clinicians and patients listen to and tell the complex and unique stories of illness



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Rita Charon MD, PhD is Professor of Clinical Medicine and Director of the Program in Narrative Medicine at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. A general internist with a primary care practice, Dr. Charon took a PhD in English when she realized how central telling and listening to stories is to the work of doctors and patients. She has published and lectured extensively on the ways in which narrative training helps to increase empathy and reflection in health professionals and students.

TWO INSPIRING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES  
IN THE HEART OF THE CONTINENT

**APRIL 28, 2017**

**COMPASSION GRAND ROUNDS**

3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

In this lecture, Dr. Charon will describe the origins of the field and its efforts to improve health care through rigorous and consequential training in close reading, creative writing, and the capacity to enter into the narrative worlds of the other. Deep and enduring consequences – for patients, for clinicians, and for institutions of health care – arise from disciplined narrative training.

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*All are welcome / Free / No registration required*

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**APRIL 29, 2017**

**WORKSHOP**

Part of the Canadian Conference on Medical Education's Creating Space VII Pre-Conference

Dr. Charon's workshop will provide an introduction to the fresh discipline of narrative medicine. Discussion of underlying principles will be reinforced by narrative exercises. Both will assist clinicians to recognize their patients deeply, to understand disease processes, to convey knowledge, and to accompany patients through the ordeals of illness, and to remain attuned to themselves.

**RBC CONVENTION CENTRE**

375 York Avenue, Winnipeg

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