Mini Medical School

On the Quest for the Fountain of Youth: Restoring Function to the Older Adult What Medical Technology, Techniques, and Therapies Can (and Can’t Yet) Accomplish

2014 Course Schedule

Saturday, February 1
9 AM “Maintaining and Restoring Strength and Vitality through Hormones: Facts, Fantasies, Possibilities, and Pitfalls” by Calvin H. Hirsch, M.D.
Dr. Calvin Hirsch, a Professor of Clinical Medicine and MMS director, talks about the restoration of strength along with common facts and misconceptions regarding hormones in the elderly.

10 AM “Aging in a Culture of Gerontophobia: Will Restoring Function Do Anything to Restore Society’s Respect for the Old?” by Faith Fitzgerald, M.D.
Dr. Faith Fitzgerald, a Professor of Internal Medicine, lectures on society’s attitudes toward perceived decrepitude and uselessness and how it has rejected these people (including the elderly) throughout history.

Saturday, February 8
9 AM “Stem Cells for Incurable Diseases? Hope for New Treatments for Parkinson’s Disease” by Vicki Wheelock, M.D.
In this lecture, Dr. Vicki Wheelock, a Clinical Professor of Neurology, speaks about Parkinson’s Disease and how stem cells are offering new hope in the treatment of PD.

10 AM "Keeping Going with Failing Joints: Restoring Function through Advances in Hip and Knee Surgery" by Mauro Giordani, M.D.
Dr. Mauro Giordani, an Associate Professor and Chief of Adult Reconstructive Services, speaks about advances in orthopedic medicine and the complications that often arise after surgery.

Saturday, February 15
9 AM "They’re Not Just for the Young Any More: Kidney Transplants for Older Patients" by Angelo de Mattos, M.D., M.P.H.
Dr. Angelo de Mattos, an Associate Professor and Chief of Transplant Nephrology, lectures about the impact of aging on kidney function along with emerging options in combating Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD).

10 AM "A Sight for Sore Eyes: Advances in Restoring Vision in the Older Patient" by Mark Mannis, M.D.
In his lecture Dr. Mark Mannis, a Professor and Chair of Ophthalmology, speaks about the major causes surrounding the loss of visual acuity and the promising new research to treat these conditions.

Saturday, February 22
9 AM "Take Heart Despite a Bad Heart: Advances in Restoring Clogged Coronaries without Bypass Surgery" by Garret Wong, M.D.
Assistant Clinical Professor Dr. Garret Wong presents on coronary heart disease in people over the age of 65 along with advances in stenting for patients who would otherwise need a bypass.

10 AM "Sinking into the Melancholy of Old Age: Recognizing Depression and Restoring Mood and Well Being in the Older Patient" by Andreea Seritan, M.D.
Dr. Andreea Seritan, an Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, lectures on depression in the elderly and ways to treat it.

11 AM Commencement