Crisis of Faith

A panel of distinguished religious leaders will discuss how, despite a crisis of faith, people often times can draw strength from their beliefs in coping with illness.

Sr. Mary Alice Aschenbach, Mercy Medical Center; Judith Pollack, LCSW; Clinical Coordinator, FEGS, Partners In Dignity; Rev. Mark Bigelow, Pastoral Care Coordinator, Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice of Suffolk, Dr. Faroque Khan, Director IMANA International Collaboration and member Islamic Center of Long Island BOT and Rabbi Dr. Aaron E. Glatt, EVP, Mercy Medical Center.

Moderator: Sr. Katherine A. Murphy, RN-BC, MSN, CHPN, CCRN; Clinical Nurse Specialist, St. Francis Hospital

Panelists Bios

Rabbi Aaron E. Glatt, MD, FACP, FIDSA, FSHEA is Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer at Mercy Medical Center in Rockville Center. From 2005-2011, he was President/CEO of St. Joseph Hospital, also part of Catholic Health Services of Long Island. He is a full Professor of Clinical Medicine (and former Associate Dean) at NY Medical College and innovated a course at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine entitled “Faith and Medicine: An Oxymoron?”

Rabbi Dr. Glatt is also Assistant Rabbi at Congregation Anshei Chesed and the Young Israel of Woodmere, and has been an invited international speaker on medicine and Jewish law in Israel, Russia, Canada, Central America and throughout the US. He has authored Visiting the Sick and Women in the Talmud (www.artscroll.com).

Previously, Dr. Glatt served as Chairman of Medicine at Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center (Bronx, NY) and Director of Graduate Medical Education and Chief of Infectious Diseases / Infection Control at Catholic Medical Centers (Brooklyn/Queens). He earned his BA (class valedictorian) from Yeshiva University and his MD from Columbia University. After his internal medicine residency/chief residency at Brookdale University Medical Center and a fellowship in infectious diseases at SUNY Health Sciences Center (Brooklyn), Dr. Glatt is board certified in both internal medicine and infectious diseases.

The author of 200 scientific journal articles and presentations, he was a guest editor of the Infectious Diseases Clinic of North America and infectious diseases editor of Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary. He has served on the editorial boards of major publications and as a reviewer for many prestigious journals, and has worked on many government, hospital, medical school and public health committees

Judith Pollack Bio

For the first 25 years of Judith’s professional life as a Social Worker, she ran many different programs and services for individuals with developmental disabilities, including residences, day programs, clinics and case management services. She transitioned from primarily administrative work to clinical practice in end-of-life care 13 years ago. Preparation for that transition included training as a Chaplain at the Health Care
Chaplaincy. She’s continued to develop her interest in the intersection between spirituality and Social Work, through many avenues including courses at NYU addressing spirituality and social work.

Recently she was employed as the Clinical Coordinator for FEWS, Partners in Dignity, a service for people facing life limiting illness and complicated grief. She is also employed by Calvary Hospice at Home and the Visiting Nurse Service of New York, Pediatric Palliative Care service.

Faroque Ahmad Khan M.B.,(Kmr) M.A.C.P. Bio
Dr. Faroque Ahmad Khan graduated from Kashmir, he specializes in Internal medicine and pulmonary diseases. As Chairman of Medicine at NUMC in New York, he was responsible for training over three hundred fifty internists and pulmonologists who are now settled in USA and globally. Dr. Khan was appointed professor of medicine and received several teaching awards, he was the first Muslim awarded Mastership in American College of Physicians (ACP) which is a unique distinction bestowed on less than one percent of all physicians. Dr. Khan has held leadership positions, as a Regent of the ACP, as President of Nargis Dutt Memorial Foundation, as President of Islamic Medical Association of North America (IMANA), as President of Islamic Center of New York in Westbury and has served on the Majlis Shura of the Islamic Society of North America.

Dr. Khan served as consultant to the King Fahd Medical City (KFMC) in Riyadh where he established its research program and was able to establish linkages of KFMC with several prominent educational and research institutions in USA ex Stanford university and National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Khan has published over 150 articles, made presentations globally. He has authored three books including: Mechanical Ventilation, International Medical Graduates and Story of a Mosque in America. Currently he serves on the board of trustees of Islamic Center of Long Island (ICLI) and directs all international activities of IMANA.

In Sept 2013 the Long Island Press elected Dr. Khan as one of the 50 Most Influential People of Long Island, NY.