### Course Description
The purpose of this course is to enhance the ability of medical students/future physicians to appropriately address spiritual issues arising within patient care.

### Course Objectives
- Describe how spiritual belief systems may have both positive and/or negative impacts on healing and health
- Compare and contrast multiple belief systems as a part of cultural diversity and explain how cultural differences may present in the health care setting
- Assess how caregivers' attitudes towards patients' diverse spiritual and religious orientations have positive or negative impacts on provider-patient relationships and the healing process
- Identify when it is appropriate to take a spiritual history and include it in a patient record
- Construct various techniques for taking a spiritual history
- Summarize when chaplains and/or other religious advisors and/or members of the interprofessional care team should be consulted and utilized in patient care.
- Describe and discuss how spiritual belief systems may especially impact particular types of clinical care situations (e.g., addiction, end of life, chronic illness scenarios)
- Critically explore evidence-based research pertaining to spirituality and health care outcomes (discipline specific fields).

### Course Activities
Students will explore a variety of topics through online readings and discussions. Topics include: Impact of spiritual belief systems on healing and health; diversity in cultural patient-centered care; spiritual history and the professional medical role; interprofessional holistic care, collaboration in the spiritual domain; translation of evidence-based spirituality research into practice to improve health care outcomes.

### Course Schedule Requirements
No on-call requirement. Student work is completed online.

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