The Wisdom of Illness
Reframing illness as an opportunity for psychological and spiritual growth

Are there lessons we ignore until we become seriously ill? Are there opportunities for personal growth in spite of the presence of a life-challenging illness? Can physicians read between the lines to address patients’ deeper needs? Learn about the two-way relationship between physical and emotional health with special focus on how this understanding can improve patient-doctor communication.

Where: Roosevelt Hospital
1000 Tenth Avenue (between 58th and 59th Streets)
Conference Center (2nd Floor)

When: Thursday, April 24, 2008

Time: 6 - 7:30 PM
Refreshments will be served.

To register, please call (212) 523-7342.

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