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Advancing Health Equity: Why Narratives Matter

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Narratives are embedded in the structure of the health care system, and in the ways in which we think about patients, families, communities and neighborhoods we serve—and even ourselves. Narratives shape what questions we ask in day to day care of our patients as well as what solutions we might consider or develop. They even shape our descriptions of patient encounters; what attributes of the person and the situation are emphasized in our case presentations.

How might we examine dominant narratives such as the narrative of race and the narrative of individualism/personal responsibility? Can we look at our current technology, workflows, conversations and policies and change narratives in such a way that allows for racial justice and health equity?

Shifting the dominant narrative about health equity may be a daunting task, but it is both possible and vital for the betterment of public health. Join Dr. Maria Basile in a discussion of the skills and sensitivities necessary for developing narrative transformation in our practices and in our lives.

Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Family, Population, and Preventive Medicine at the Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook, Dr. Maria Basile, serves as the Associate Director of the Center for Medical Humanities, Compassionate Care and Bioethics. Award-winning poet, surgeon and medical educator, Dr. Basile is a dynamic and respected physician leader for more than 3 decades.

Dr. Basile teaches major components of the core pre-clinical curriculum for medical students, contributes to clinical teaching in the clerkship years including transition to clinical clerkship, reflection rounds, engaging in ethics consultation through the Hospital Ethics Committee, and actively mentoring medical and graduate students. She teaches in the Masters' degree program, engages in scholarly activities with an emphasis on narrative medicine and the use of reflective writing in the process of professional identity formation, and contributes to the intellectual and scholarly life of the Center. She is an active member of the Empire State Bioethics Consortium and the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities.

Dr. Basile is passionately involved with organized medicine and is the only woman to have served as President of the Suffolk County Medical Society twice, building community partnerships between the medical society and community-based organizations through the Long Island Health Collaborative and NYS DSRIP. She served as Vice-speaker and Commissioner of Communications for the Medical Society of the State of New York and is a Delegate from New York to the American Medical Association.

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