

# Beyond Black and White in Medicine Webinar Series

September Discussion Webinar:  
Interacting with the Multicultural or Immigrant Patient

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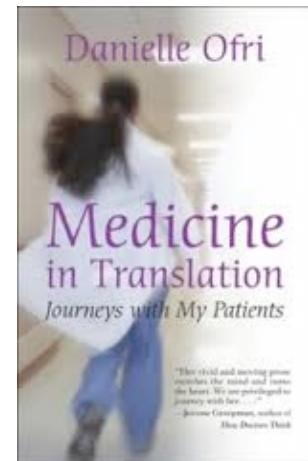
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As the population becomes more culturally diverse, future health professionals in training need to become more informed about and exposed to the health beliefs and practices of people different from their own and to do this in a manner integrated with clinical experiences early on in their training. It is pre-requisite that we not only learn to be culturally sensitive and not stereotype or jump to assumptions about our patients but that we also learn how to really listen and to draw out their personal health stories. In order to practice patient centered care, we need to learn to *listen* more effectively because the patient is the best source of information about what ails them, negotiate with the patient a treatment plan that both provider and patient can live with, and to learn to ask questions that we may never had thought of asking before the patient granted us entry into the most intimate recess of their person - their health. This discussion webinar will explore how we should approach our multicultural and immigrant patients.

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She is the author of two collections of essays about life in medicine: *Incidental*

*Findings: Lessons from my Patients in the Art of Medicine* and *Singular Intimacies: Becoming a Doctor at Bellevue*. She also edited the anthology *The Best of the Bellevue Literary Review*.

Danielle Ofri's writings have appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the *Lancet*, and on *CNN.com* and *National Public Radio*. Her essays have been selected by Stephen Jay Gould, Oliver Sacks, and Susan Orlean for *Best American Essays* (twice) and *Best American Science Writing*. She is the recipient of the John P. McGovern Award from the American Medical Writers Association for "preeminent contributions to medical communication."

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