



The OHSU Center for Ethics in Health Care's *Compassion and Solidarity: Enhancing Ethical Medical Care in Oregon and Beyond* lecture series presents

Health Literacy and Systemic Racism: Addressing Oppression Through Clear Communication

By Cliff Coleman, MD, MPH

Friday, September 10, 2021

8:00-9:00AM PT

Via WebEx - [join us here](#)

About Our Speaker



Dr. Cliff Coleman is a leading international expert in the field of health literacy. His award-winning work focuses on improving health literacy and clear communication training for healthcare professionals.

Cliff is an Associate Professor of Family Medicine at the Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) School of Medicine, where he serves as Clinical Thread Director for education on health communication, professionalism, and ethics.

In 2014, he developed and implemented the first known health professions curriculum which integrates health literacy teaching as a running thread throughout the pre-clinical training years. He also runs OHSU's curriculum on culturally responsive care. He is the recipient of the 2018 OHSU Excellence in Education Award, and the 2020 Institute for Healthcare Advancement's Innovative Program Award. In 2021, Cliff became the inaugural Doris and Mark Storms Chair in Compassionate Communication at the OHSU Center for Ethics in Health Care.

Cliff practices at a Federally Qualified Health Center clinic, and attended on the OHSU inpatient Family Medicine service for 17 years. His clinical interests include healthcare for medically complex individuals and underserved populations.

Cliff received his Bachelor's in psychology from Dartmouth College, and a Doctorate of Medicine from Stanford University. He completed a dual residency in Family Medicine and Public Health & Preventive Medicine at OHSU, with a Master's of Public Health from Portland State University in 2004.

Learning Objectives

- Describe the significance of racial and ethnic health literacy disparities
- Discuss systemic racism in communication training standards for health professionals
- Explain how a “universal precautions” approach to health communication supports racial and ethnic equity and justice

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