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Atul Gawande to Present 2015 NCCY Award



We're pleased to announce that award-winning author **Atul Gawande** will be the honored speaker at the [20th Annual Kenneth B. Schwartz Compassionate Healthcare Dinner](#) on November 18 in Boston, and that he will present the 2015 [Schwartz Center National Compassionate Caregiver of the Year \(NCCY\) Award](#). Dr. Gawande is executive director of Ariadne Labs, a joint center at Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health. He is the author of four best-selling books (*Complications*, *Better*, *The Checklist Manifesto* and *Being Mortal*). His work

has illuminated the difficult choices caregivers, patients and families face every day and the system issues that can impede the delivery of high quality, cost-effective and compassionate healthcare.

[Nominate](#) a compassionate caregiver you know for the NCCY Award. **Nomination deadline: May 1, 2015.** [Award Details](#)

Save the Dates!

Health Policy Breakfast

Friday, April 10, 2015

7:30 AM Breakfast

8:00-10:00 AM Program

"Overcoming the Stigma of Mental Illness to Ensure Compassionate Care for Patients and Families"

Ropes & Gray
800 Boylston Street
Boston, MA

[Register](#)

New York Thought Leadership

Advancing Compassionate, Collaborative Care



The Schwartz Center and the [Arnold P. Gold Foundation](#), with support from the [Macy Foundation](#), recently brought together more than 80 caregivers, educators, policy leaders, healthcare administrators, and patient and family advocates to identify strategies for making the U.S. healthcare system a more compassionate and collaborative one. The resulting [conference report](#) includes four areas of actionable recommendations formulated by the conference participants to advance compassionate, collaborative care, or The Triple C. [Learn more about the Conference](#) | [Read the Triple C Framework](#) | [Read the Blog Post](#)

Business Member Event Featuring Governor Baker



Our [Business Members](#), past Dinner Chairs, Board Members, and other leaders gathered at our inaugural Business Member Roundtable to hear **Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker** discuss the importance of compassion in healthcare. Gov. Baker said, "The Schwartz Center has become a powerful force and a powerful voice in healthcare." This event was hosted by **Bob Popeo**, Chairman of Mintz Levin. [View Photos](#) | [Learn more about becoming a Business Member](#)

Cost Controls and the Patient-Caregiver Relationship



This year's **New York Thought Leadership Breakfast** on Thursday, April 16, hosted in partnership with NewYorkBIO, will focus on "The Impact of Healthcare Cost Controls on the Patient-Caregiver Relationship" and will feature a distinguished panel of speakers, including:

- **Paul Gileno**, President and Founder, U.S. Pain Foundation
- **Tom Lynch, MD**, Director, Yale Cancer Center; Physician-in-Chief, Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale-New Haven
- **Aran Ron, MD**, Chief Medical Officer, Oscar Insurance Corporation
- **J. Russell Teagarden**, Former Senior Vice President, National

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New York Genome Center
101 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY

[Register](#)

Compassion in Action Webinar

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

4:00-5:00 PM ET

"Effective and Compassionate Communication for Shared Decision-Making"

[Register](#)

Regional Meetings and Facilitation Workshops

View the [dates and details](#) for our 2015 sessions.

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Celebration of Women in Healthcare

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

5:00-7:30 PM ET

"Stories of Compassion with Geri Denterlein & Women in the Media"

Tufts Health Plan
705 Mount Auburn Street
Watertown, MA

Organization for Rare Disorders; Former Visiting Scholar, National Institutes of Health Bioethics Department; Member, Advisory Committee on Rare Diseases, Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute

- **Jane Wasman, JD**, President, International and General Counsel, Acorda Therapeutics

The event will be moderated by **Fred Mogul**, healthcare reporter for public radio station WNYC News. [Learn More and Register](#)

A Caregiver's Story: Being in the Moment with Patients



The patient was in her twenties, pursuing her dream in the U.S., with a full life ahead of her. Then one day, she was diagnosed with incurable cancer. **Rev. Birte Beuck** recalls their time spent together and the deep bonds this young woman formed with her care team. One of her last wishes was to travel back to Peru to die at home. It was a long way from California and she didn't have any means to get back home. Beuck pulled the care team together and they devised a plan to help. [Read Rev. Birte Beuck's Story](#)

Our 20th Year: Stories about Compassion



In celebration of our 20th anniversary, we have been getting back in touch with the patient and caregiver stories that started the Schwartz Center in the first place. What was so compelling about [Ken's story](#) was that it could have been any of us, and the same is true of so many patients. Stories of caregivers highlight how their humanity informs their practice of compassionate care. [Read Stories about Compassion](#)

[Register](#)

20th Annual Kenneth B. Schwartz Compassionate Healthcare Dinner

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2015

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Last Month's Top Posts

Here are the top three [Facebook](#) posts that resonated most with our followers last month:

1. [A caregiver story of what compassionate care means](#)
2. [The poignant moment of a crying doctor that went viral](#)
3. [The importance of sitting with patients](#)

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