

# 2024 Carrie Falk Endowed Memorial Lecture



A native of Wisconsin, Dr. Carrie Falk joined the Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals in 2011 as a Resident in the Department of Emergency Medicine. She was smart, funny, energetic, and incredibly caring. During her second year of residency she was diagnosed with metastatic melanoma. Following an incredible journey of courage and humility, Dr. Falk passed away on July 14, 2013 at the age of 31. She is recognized as a posthumous member of the Class of 2014.

Carrie's all too brief life touched so many, and the department wanted to find a way to keep her memory and her legacy alive. Attending a "Block Melanoma" event in her final days, Carrie was sitting with a group of her residency classmates, family, and friends. She said that if she were to somehow survive this cancer, she would want to give back; to help physicians understand what cancer patients go through; and to help the health care team provide compassion and empathy to their patients.

In honor of Carrie's wishes, and with the support of the family, we have created the Carrie Falk Memorial Lecture. Contributions to this lecture series help us bring national speakers to our campus every year. The lecture series will focus specifically on end of life, empathy, and courage.

The Department of Emergency Medicine and the entire campus community laments the loss of our friend, colleague and an incredibly talented and caring physician. While our hearts are heavy with grief over Dr. Falk's passing, her spirit and compassion will continue to inspire us long into the future through this memorial lecture series.

Thursday, May 2, 2024  
Presented in the Bolger Auditorium and on Zoom

10:30 am - 12:00 pm



## *Family Conflict: "They Are Just Unrealistic"*

By Robert Arnold, MD

Robert M. Arnold, MD, is a distinguished Professor of Medicine in the Division of General Internal Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh and in the University of Pittsburgh Center for Bioethics and Health Law.

He was the Past-President of the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities, as well as the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine.

He has mentored both investigators and educators and helped start VitalTalk, a company whose aim is to ensure that every seriously ill patient has clinicians who can talk about what matters most. He is clinically active in palliative care.

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