



# What the Arts can Teach Us about Health, Illness, and Medical Practice

**Third Annual Chang Lecture on Art and Medicine  
by Joel Howell, M.D., Ph.D.**

**Thursday, July 16, 2009**

Lecture 5:00-6:00 pm ~Reception 6:00 pm

**Ford Auditorium**

UM Hospital ~ 1500 E. Medical Center Dr. ~ 2nd Floor

**Sponsored by the UM Department of Urology**

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Joel D. Howell, MD, PhD, is the Victor Vaughan Professor of the History of Medicine at the University of Michigan, where he is also a professor in the Departments of Internal Medicine (Medical School), History (College of Literature, Science, and the Arts), and Health Services Management and Policy (School of Public Health). He received his MD at the University of Chicago, and also completed his internship and residency in internal medicine there. He went on to receive his PhD in the History and Sociology of Science at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Howell joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in 1984. Dr. Howell has written widely on the use of medical technology, examining the social and contextual factors relevant to its diffusion and clinical application, analyzing why American medicine has become obsessed with science and technology.



In this talk Dr. Howell will use examples from the visual, musical, poetic and dramatic arts to explain how the arts can help physicians and other caregivers deliver better health care. Some examples will show how art can express the basic elements of human existence in ways that can enhance patient care. The central message of this talk is that art can not only help physicians better understand their patients, it will also make them better physicians.

**UM Faculty, Staff, Students, and the General Community are welcome to attend**

For more information, please contact Steffanie Samuels at 734-649-6763

### **About the Chang Lecture on Art and Medicine**

This lecture series was established in honor of the extraordinary Chang family who link Chinese art and Michigan urology. Dr. Cheng-Yang Chang was the first pediatric urologist at UM and a steadfast supporter of the Urology Department. Son of the esteemed Chinese painter Ku-Nien Chang, Dr. Chang has funded the creation of "The Shirley Chang Gallery of Chinese Art" in the Museum of Art expansion, in honor of his late wife.