

ANATOMY OF ANATOMY ELECTIVE 2009-10

This course explores implications and ramifications of dissection for future professionalism, including the student-physician/patient relationship and emotional detachment/connection. It attempts to link dissection to end-of-life issues; and to the aftermath of donation through opportunities to interact with cadaver families. Finally, the course provides useful study skills to prepare students for effectively learning anatomy.

Session 1 Th Dec 3 12-1 Learning Anatomy: Study tips and learning styles - Dr. Leonard and students

Four skills stations taught by second year students to present different study skills, including color-coding, mnemonics, answering questions, group learning, and definition of common terms.

Session 2 Th Jan 7 12-1 Reactions to Dissection - Students, Dr. Shapiro, Dr. Ross

Exploration of the range of reactions to dissection from excitement, enthusiasm, fear, revulsion, guilt to awe, wonder, and gratitude.

Session 3 Th Jan 21 12-1 Reflections on Anatomy - Dr. Leonard

The director of the anatomy course will share his thoughts about the utility of studying anatomy; and what anatomy and the anatomy course have come to mean to him over his years of teaching.

Session 4 W Feb 10 12-1 Your Relationship with the Cadaver - Dr. Shapiro, students

Is the cadaver a tool for learning? A former living being? Your best teacher? Your first patient? Your new best friend? We will consider various ways of relating to the cadaver.

Session 5 Th Feb 25 12-1 End of Life Issues - Dr. Yamarik, students, Dr. Ross

What is the physician's role in end of life care? We will learn about issues about what physicians do when "there is nothing more that can be done"; and how appropriate palliative care can help patients toward a "good" death.

Session 6, 7 T Mar 2 11-1 Breaking Bad News; Standardized Patient Roleplay - Dr. Manetta, students, Dr. Shapiro, Dr. Ross

An experienced gynecologic oncologist will demonstrate how to break bad news to a patient. Students will have an opportunity to briefly practice delivering bad news.

Session 8 M Apr 12 12-1 Donor Families - Dr. Leonard, students, Dr. Shapiro

A donor's family member will be present to talk about his or her reactions to the decision to donate; and to answer student questions.

Session 9 W Apr 21 12-1 Donor Families - Dr. Shapiro, Dr. Ross, students

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Session 10 F Jun 18 TBA Closing Ceremony - Dr. Leonard, Dr. Ross