



Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds

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“The Empty Chair: Coping with Patient Loss and the Evolving Identity of a Psychiatrist”

8:00 am – 9:00 am

HYBRID EVENT

Dana Center Auditorium

Presented by:

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Participants will:

- Examine the frequency of patient suicide among mental health clinicians, and its emotional and professional repercussions
- Identify how patient suicide influences professional identity, including emotional response, self-perception, and clinical decision-making
- Review support systems available to assist in coping with patient suicide

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