

*Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem,
Knights Hospitaller
Member Engagement Committee*

Invitation



The Member Engagement Committee invites you to our next presentation for a discussion on
“Being Mortal”

“Being Mortal” is a deeply affecting, important book– not just one about dying and the limits of medicine but about living to the last with autonomy, dignity and joy - it is a valuable contribution to the growing literature on aging, death and dying.

Author, Dr. Atul Gawande, MD, MPH, surgeon, writer, and public health researcher explores in his book, how we have come to medicalize aging, frailty and death and has explored the different models of senior living from multigenerational households to new fangled nursing homes, to hospice as a model of care.

Based on this must read book, we have invited Dr. Pippa Hawley, a Palliative Medicine Specialist to **lead the discussion** on “Being Mortal”. Dr. Hawley, a cancer doctor recognizes the shortfalls of our system; not to mention lack of funding in the area of palliative care in our Province. She started the BC Cancer Agency’s Pain and Symptom Management/Palliative Care Program in 1997 and is a medical leader of the Provincial PSMPC program and of the Vancouver team doing mainly outpatient clinic consultations.

Dames and Knights & their families & friends are invited to attend this *free* interactive, educational evening; Whether you’ve read the book or not – the evening will be an invaluable insight into palliative care.

Thursday, October, 15 2015 - 6:30 - 8pm

St. Mary's Anglican Church, (Kerrisdale) 2490 West 37th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.

Light refreshments will be served.

Reservations required by October 08, 2015

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