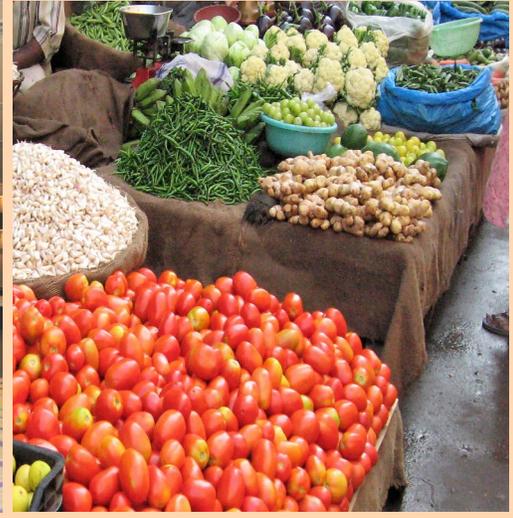


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Why You Should Attend

Patients increasingly are using CAM/Ayurveda interventions for good health or to treat specific conditions. Ask questions or vocabulary that is not used in conventional medicine. Practitioners lack the basic expertise and knowledge to answer pertinent questions or discuss outcomes.

To meet this growing need, this course will provide you with essential information on:

- Practical strategies for incorporating information into your clinical practice
- A prospective of lifestyle and diet to prevent illness or manage conditions
- Strategies to incorporate *Prakriti* based evaluation of conditions
- Tools to evaluate the latest research findings
- Social and cultural aspects of lifestyle and health and how to address them

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The overall objective of the symposium is to help improve clinical outcomes and increase patient satisfaction.

What You Will Learn

Upon conclusion of this course, you will be able to:

1. Describe basic differences between Ayurvedic and conventional approach to optimal health and medical practices
2. Recognize importance of *prakriti* (constitution) and related risks factors
3. Evaluate behavioral and cultural aspects of lifestyle and its implications on health and patient care
4. Analyze current controversies and state of the science regarding some of the CAM interventions
5. Describe emerging practices of herbal use through an analysis of the existing scientific evidence
6. Recognize science based evidence and its implication in clinical practices and immunological perspectives

Educational Format

The symposium format includes lectures with question-and-answer periods, case presentations, experiential formats. There are two types of sessions: (1) Those that address the health and disease, incorporating selected condition, risk factors and therapeutic approach (2) Scientific, evidence based information for integrated medicine.

Practice Gap and Needs Assessment

There is a growing interest in CAM related health perspective in public and patients, physicians and other health professionals are rarely educated in this area. They are often unaware of the latest scientific findings on diet and health and use of herbs in CAM practices and are therefore poorly prepared to advise their patients about designing or incorporating CAM modalities for optimal wellbeing or for management of disease.

This conference will provide an overview of the latest information on Ayurvedic approach to health including practical strategies for incorporating evidence based modalities into clinical practice, using practices to prevent illness, recommendations for management of specific conditions and tools to evaluate the latest related research findings. The conference is designed for physicians, psychologists, nursing, pharmacists, and other professionals making CAM recommendations or integrate CAM as part of their professional and personal practice.

The topics and program for this conference were developed by the planning/organizing committee based on feedback from participants in the 2013-2016 ISAH symposiums and health conferences, data collected from health care practitioners who have taken CAM workshops at UConn Health and documentation of Increased demand for CAM education for health care professionals, as clearly demonstrated by the overwhelming success of the previous symposiums.

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THE GRAY ZONE: LONGEVITY AND WELLNESS

Friday, September 28, 2018
Keller Auditorium Lobby

9-11 a.m. Open Registration

9 a.m.-2 p.m. **WALK THE LABYRINTH MEDITATION (Experiential)**
Mary E. Dansinghani, MDiv
Connecticut Mental Health Center
Yale University School of Medicine

Keller Auditorium

Chair: Stefan Brocke, MD

4 p.m. **OPENING CHANTS**

WELCOME ADDRESS
Anthony Vella, PhD
Chair, Department of Immunology

OPENING REMARKS
Bruce Lian, MD
Dean, School of Medicine

Candle Lighting

4:30-5:30 p.m. **CAN YOU SEE ME?**

Memoir by
Annita P. Sawyer, PhD
Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, CT

5:30-6:30 p.m. **Kathak by Priya Bhat**

Varanat Chavi
“a prayer dance”

Music by Atul Desai

Choreographed by Rachna Agrawal
Sumbhaav School of Kathak Dance



Dinner on Your Own

Saturday, September 29
Conference Room: EG013

8 a.m. Breakfast

Open Registration 8-9 a.m.

Morning Educational and Scientific Sessions
Conference Room EG013

Chair: Lakshmi Nair, PhD, MPhil
Co Chair: Sudipta Rath, MD, PhD

Time	Speaker	Title
8:30 a.m.	Amala Guha, MS, PhD, MPH	NAVIGATING THE GREY ZONE: A ROAD TO OBLIVION
9 a.m.	Sudipt Rath, MD, PhD	AYURVEDIC HERBS FOR PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF AGE-ASSOCIATED COGNITIVE DECLINE
10 a.m.	Theresa Meotti (School of Medicine 4th Year Student)	MINDFULNESS BASED STRESS REDUCTION: DOES A CRASH COURSE WORK FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS?
10:35 a.m.	Tea Break	Tea Break
10:45 a.m.	Mary Dansinghani, MDiv	APPLICATION OF MANDALAS IN MENTAL HEALTH: A CASE STUDY
11:15 a.m.	Shivani Ghildiyal MD, PhD	CONCEPT OF JARA (AGING) IN AYURVEDA AND PROSPECTS OF RASAYAN THERAPY
11:45 a.m.	Kalyani Raghavan, MD	YOGATHERAPY FOR ACUTE AND CHRONIC PAIN MANAGEMENT
12:15 p.m.	Joseph Walker III, MD	KRIYA BREATHING AS COMPLEMENTARY TREATMENT FOR PTSD IN MILITARY VETERANS: A CASE SERIES

Afternoon Educational and Scientific Sessions
Conference Room EG013

Chairs: Ruchir Trivedi, MD, MRCP
Co-chair: Abhimanyu Kumar, MD, PhD

Time	Speaker	Title
2 p.m.	Ruchir Trivedi, MD, MRCP	DRINK EIGHT GLASSES OF WATER
2:45 p.m.	Robert E Cone, PhD	T AND SYMPATHY: BILATERAL NEURO-IMMUNE INTERACTIONS THAT INFLUENCE WELLNESS AND/OR DISEASE
3:30 p.m.	Upendra Hegde, MD	CLINIAL RELEVANCE OF AYURVEDA IN THE NEW ERA OF CANCER TREATMENT
4:15 p.m.	Tea Break	Tea Break
4:30 p.m.	Stefan Brocke, MD	NATURAL AND SYNTHETIC COMPOUNDS AND cAMP SIGNALLING IN IMMUNE REGULATION
5:15 p.m.	Lakshmi Nair, PhD, MPhil	INJECTABLE HYDROGELS FOR BIOMEDICAL APPLICATIONS
6 p.m.	Amit K Sharma, MD, PhD	CONTROLLED RANDOMIZED CLINICAL EVALUATION OF HERBAL FORMULATION, ‘Cap. Cardicap’ AND <i>LEKHANA BASTI</i> IN THE MANAGEMENT OF DYSLIPIDEMIA W.S.F. CORONARY HEART DISEASE (<i>HRIDROGA</i>)

6:30 Closing Chants

Closing Remarks

WALK THE LABYRINTH MEDITATION (EXPERIENTIAL)

Mary E. Dansinghani, MDiv

Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, CT

Learning Objective Participants will be able to

1. Experience Guided meditation.
2. Describe their experience.
3. Recommend practices.

CAN YOU SEE ME?

Annita P. Sawyer, PhD

Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, CT

Learning Objectives: to be able to

1. Identify constructive and destructive consequences associated with diagnosis of severe mental illness.
2. Identify psychological symptoms as styles of problem solving rather than pathology.
3. Describe the process of authentic connection as it relates to being seen.

NAVIGATING THE GREY ZONE: A ROAD TO OBLIVION

Amala Guha, PhD, MPH, MS

UConn School of Medicine and ISAH

Learning Objects: To be able to

1. Characterize Ayurvedic concept of life.
2. Recognize an idyllic effectual approach to wellness.

AYURVEDIC HERBS FOR PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF AGE-ASSOCIATED COGNITIVE DECLINE

Sudipta K. Rath, MD, PhD

Department of Dravyaguna (Materia Medica and Pharmacology), National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur, India

Learning Objectives: be able to

1. Relate to Ayurvedic approach to aging and management of cognitive decline.
2. Relate to Application of Rasayana in aging.
3. Guidelines for selecting herbs.

MINDFULNESS BASED STRESS REDUCTION: DOES A CRASH COURSE WORK FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS?

Theresa Meotti, Daniel Rappoport, Mary P. Guerrero MD

UConn School of Medicine, UConn Health, Farmington, CT

Learning Objectives: be able to

1. Recognize variety of mindfulness techniques available for students to learn.
2. Relate to if a condensed MBSR course is effective in lowering self-perceived levels of stress in medical students.
3. Relate to the sustainability of condensed MBSR curricula for improving student wellbeing during medical school training.

CONCEPT OF JARA (AGING) IN AYURVEDA AND PROSPECTS OF RASAYAN THERAPY

Shivani Ghildiyal, MD, PhD

Department of Dravyaguna, All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi, India

Learning Objectives: To be able to

1. Cite how Ayurveda defines old age.
2. Reproduce application of selected herbs in delaying or management of old age.
3. Relate to life style and its role in healthy aging.

APPLICATION OF MANDALAS IN MENTAL HEALTH: A CASE STUDY

Mary Dansinghani, MDiv, CMC

Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, CT

Learning Objectives: To be able to

1. Relate to the basic techniques of Mandala Meditation.
2. Describe application of the mandalas in clinical practice.

MANAGEMENT OF MENOPAUSE ACCORDING TO DOSHIC PREDOMINANCE

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* All India Institute of Ayurveda, Gautam Puri, Sarita Vihar, New Delhi, India, ** IPGTRA, Jamnagar, Gujarat, India 361008

Learning Objectives: To be able

1. To classify Menopausal symptoms as per the *doshic* principles of Ayurveda.
2. To evaluate the efficacy of Ayurvedic drugs and procedures on vata predominant symptoms.
3. To evaluate the efficacy of Ayurvedic drugs and procedures on Pitta predominant symptoms.

YOGATHERAPY FOR ACUTE AND CHRONIC PAIN MANAGEMENT

Kalyani Raghavan, MD

Connecticut Children's Medical Center, Hartford, CT

Learning Objectives: To be able to

1. Describe that Yoga is a holistic modality and why it is important to know and practice all eight aspects of Yoga.
2. Illustrate various medical conditions in which pain can be alleviated by Yoga therapy.
3. Demonstrate how Yoga therapy can be incorporated in their practice.

KRIYA BREATHING AS COMPLEMENTARY TREATMENT FOR PTSD IN MILITARY VETERANS: A CASE SERIES

Joseph Walker III, MD, Denise Richardson, and Deborah Pacik, MS

UConn School of Medicine, Farmington, CT

Learning Objectives: To be able to

1. Identify current available treatments both traditional Western based and complementary for PTSD.
2. Describe proposed physiological mechanisms of Kaiya breathing and how it can aid in the treatment of PTSD.
3. Compare previous studies looking at Kaiya Yogic breathing and various mental health diagnoses.

DRINK EIGHT GLASSES OF WATER

Ruchir Trivedi MD, MRCP(UK)

Division of Nephrology, UConn Health, Farmington, CT

Learning Objectives: To be able to

1. Predict dangers of hypertonicity and volume depletion (are not up for debate).
2. Relate to strenuous exercise and dry hot climate requires increased water intake.
3. Describe where did 8*8 recommendations come from?

T AND SYMPATHY: BILATERAL NEURO-IMMUNE INTERACTIONS THAT INFLUENCE WELLNESS AND/OR DISEASE

ROBERT E. CONE, PhD

Professor Emeritus

Department of Immunology, UConn Health, Farmington, CT

Learning Objectives: To be able to

1. Relate to physical, biochemical and functional communication between cells and structures of the Immune and Nervous Systems.
2. Describe how an immune response may affect behavior.
3. Discuss how pain, stress and aging may affect immunity.
4. Interpret how Vedic philosophy affects immunity and thereby wellness from disease.

CLINICAL RELEVANCE OF AYURVEDA IN THE NEW ERA OF CANCER TREATMENT

Upendra P. Hegde, MD

Department of Medicine, Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center, UConn School of Medicine, Farmington, CT

Learning Objectives: To be able to

1. Briefly discuss cancer treatment in the present era and describe some of the limitations.
2. Discuss the effects of the environmental factors, diet, lifestyles and personal choices on cancer.
3. Explore areas of overlap between Ayurveda and modern medicine.
4. Foster meaningful collaborations between basic scientists and clinicians and explore ways to improve cancer patient outcomes using both.

NATURAL AND SYNTHETIC COMPOUNDS AND cAMP SIGNALLING IN IMMUNE REGULATION

Stefan Brocke, MD

Department of Immunology, UConn School of Medicine, Farmington, CT

Learning Objectives: To be able to

1. Identify the basic cellular and molecular elements involved in cAMP signaling in T lymphocytes.
2. Describe the natural and synthetic compounds interacting with the cAMP signaling pathway.
3. Diagram the role of the element of the cAMP signaling pathway in immune functions, including inflammation and tolerance .

INJECTABLE HYDROGELS FOR BIOMEDICAL APPLICATIONS

Lakshmi Nair, PhD, MPhil

Department of Orthopedic Surgery, UConn Health, Farmington, CT

Department of Material Science & Engineering and Biomedical Engineering, UConn, Storrs, CT

Learning Objectives: To be able to

1. Relate to emerging regenerative therapeutic strategies.

CONTROLLED RANDOMIZED CLINICAL EVALUATION OF HERBAL FORMULATION, ‘Cap. Cardicap’ AND LEKHANA BASTI IN THE MANAGEMENT OF DYSLIPIDEMIA W.S.F. CORONARY HEART DISEASE (HRIDROGA)

Amit Kumar Sharma, MD, PhD*; **Divya Sharma, MD***; ***R.K.Joshi, MD**; **Shashi Mohan Sharma****; **Ajay K. Sharma***

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Learning Objective: To be able to

1. Recite the importance of dietary management in cardiac disorders.
2. Determine contribution of lifestyle modification in Ayurvedic preventive cardiology.

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Dr. Brocke received his MD degree at the Free University of Berlin, Germany. He trained at the Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel and received his Doctorate in Immunology at the Free University of Berlin School of Medicine. Dr. Brocke performed internships and residency in Medical Microbiology at the Free University of Berlin followed by a postdoctoral fellowship and research associate position at Stanford University Medical Center under Dr. Lawrence Steinman. After spending time as a visiting scientist at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD, Dr. Brocke was appointed lecturer and senior lecturer at the Department of Pathology of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School in Jerusalem, Israel, before joining the faculty in the Departments of Pharmacology and Immunology at the University of Connecticut Health Center. At the University of Connecticut Health Center Dr. Brocke was the Director of the Pharmacology Graduate Program. His present research interests are focused on the molecular basis of cAMP signaling in immune cells, lymphocyte adhesion and migration.

Robert E. Cone, PhD

**Professor Emeritus, Department of Immunology
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Dr. Cone received his PhD in Microbiology from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. He then trained at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute for Immunology, Melbourne, Australia where he studied with Professor GJV Nossal and Dr. John Marchalonis. At the Hall Institute he participated in the development of enzyme-catalyzed radiolabeling of the cell membranes of living cells, and the characterization of lymphocyte membrane proteins. He then trained at the Basel Institute for Immunology in Base, Switzerland. Dr. Cone was a faculty member in the Departments of Surgery and Pathology at Yale University. At Yale University he was the Director of the Histocompatibility Testing and Membrane Marker laboratory before joining the faculty in the Department of Pathology and then Immunology at UConn Health. At the UConn Health, Dr. Cone was the Director of the Immunology Graduate Program. Dr. Cone is one of the Commissioners of the State of Connecticut Commission on Medico-Legal Investigation and is a recipient of the State of Connecticut Public Service Award. His present research interests are focused on the cellular basis of ocular immune regulation

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Dr. Kamini Dhiman's expertise includes treating patients of uterine fibroids, ovarian cyst and infertility with Ayurvedic treatment modalities. She is in-charge of Infertility Clinic at All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi. Dr. Dhiman is a Nodal officer of AIIA for TELE ECHO program. Her research interests include dysmenorrhea, infertility, ovarian cyst, PCOD, antenatal care, congenital and genetic disorders, menopause, prakriti and healthy progeny. She is a member of editorial board of JAHM, JBSO, ELEMENTS: Ayurveda and Health and serves on the advisory board of International Journal of Multidisciplinary Health Sciences.

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Dr. Kamath's major research interests include investigation of the interactions between the psycho-neuro-endocrine-immunological systems and basic/clinical aspects of psychopharmacological management of psychiatric disorders. He is currently involved in clinical trials with established and investigational medications for the treatment of mood, anxiety and other psychiatric disorders at UConn Health. He serves on the Pharmacy & Therapeutic (P&T) Committee, Cancer Committee, and Residency Training Committee at UConn Health and leads the Cancer Supportive Care program at the Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center. He is also a member of the Cancer Supportive Care Editorial Board at the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Dr. Kamath teaches psychiatry residency courses; supervises medical students and residents in the outpatient clinic.

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Dr. Kucharski has received her BA from Trinity College, Hartford, CT and her doctoral degree in clinical psychology from University of Hartford, CT. She serves on the board of the International Society for Ayurveda and Health. Dr. Kucharski's interest involves Ayurvedic interventions in mental health and herbal rasayanas and mental health.

Abhimanyu Kumar, MD, PhD, MS

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Theresa Meotti, (SOM4)

4th Year Medical Student

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Theresa was born and raised in Old Saybrook, CT. She attended college at the University of Connecticut where she studied biological sciences and Spanish and graduated Magna Cum Laude. She studies medicine at the University of Connecticut and is planning a career in Family Medicine. Her interests outside of medicine include power yoga, skiing, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

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Dr. Sawyer is the author of the memoir *Smoking Cigarettes, Eating Glass*, winner of the 2013 Santa Fe Writers Project Literary Awards Program Nonfiction Grand Prize. A psychologist in practice for over thirty years, she is a member of the clinical faculty at Yale Medical School. Her work has appeared in both professional and literary journals, where her essays have won prizes and twice been included among the Notables in the Best American Essays.

Using herself as a case study, Dr. Perez speaks to clinical audiences around the country. Her talks, essays, and stories illuminate lifetime consequences of childhood trauma, harmful effects of fads in psychiatric diagnosis and treatment, the enduring impact of stigma and shame, and the power of human connection to heal.

Kalyani Raghavan, MD

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About the Kathak Dance: The word Kathak is derived from the Sanskrit word *Katha* which means "story", and *Kathakar* means "the one who tells a story". Kathak is one of the eight major forms of Indian Classical Dance. The origin of Kathak is traditionally attributed to the traveling bards of ancient Northern India known as Kathakars or storytellers. Wandering Kathakars communicated stories from the great epics and ancient mythology through dance, songs and music in a manner similar to early Greek theatre. In medieval India, this style of dance became a powerful form of entertainment in the Mogul courts and as a fusion of Indo-Mogal culture, Kathak emerged as a new form of dance. Kathak dancers tell various stories through their hand movements and footwork, but most importantly through their facial expressions.