



**2010**

**Medical History Lecture Series**

**Presented by the Sierra Sacramento Valley Museum of Medical History**

<p><b>January 7</b> <b>Thursday</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>The Hospital at the End of the World</b> Presented by Joe Niemczura, RN, MS</p> <p><b>The Hospital at the End of the World</b> tells the story of an American RN's first trip to teach nursing in Nepal. Many nurses and doctors have the altruistic daydream of volunteering their skills in a low income country; Joe Niemczura lived that experience in 2007. His book reveals the details of bedside care, the type of patients, the challenges, and of course the spiritual mystical land, people, and culture of the Himalayan foothills. The event will feature a slide show, interactive props, questions and answers, and book signing. For more information, go to the Facebook fan page for the book (then search by book title).</p> <p><i>Joe Niemczura has a BS in nursing from U Mass at Amherst and an MS from UCSF. He is a past President of ANA-Maine, where he lived for many years. He now teaches at UH in Honolulu where he never needs to shovel snow and there are no snakes. He has two grown daughters. The Hospital at the End of the World is his first book. He is already planning his fourth trip to Nepal.</i></p>
<p><b>March-April</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p>No lecture has been scheduled; check back again for further details.</p>
<p><b>July 14</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>The Naval Hospitals on Mare Island</b> Presented by Thomas L. Snyder, MD</p> <p>When Commander David G Farragut arrived on Mare Island in 1856 to establish the navy's first west coast base, he brought with him a chart that delineated land to be set aside for a Naval Hospital. This is the story of the first Naval Hospital on the west coast and its successors. They served navy and civilian personnel through wars, peace and epidemics for nearly a century.</p> <p><i>Tom Snyder, MD was, as Winston Churchill once put it, "twice a citizen", having served in the Naval Reserve for 24 years, and served as staff urologist and medical administrator with Kaiser Permanente for 20. Upon fully retiring, he has sought to return to an early love--history--by combining his medical and naval interests to research and write about the navy hospital that once thrived across the Napa River from his home town of Vallejo. Along the way, he cofounded the Society for the History of Navy Medicine; now in its 4th year, the Society has grown to more than 120 members from around the world. He's currently working on an examination of Sir William Osler's thought on military medicine.</i></p>
<p><b>November 3</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Magical Medical History Tour</b> Presented by Faith Fitzgerald, MD</p> <p>The series of cases of famous people, their illnesses, their accomplishments and associated interesting things. These are 'cases' designed to illustrate the rich access all doctors have, through their patients, to history, literature, art, philosophy, music, poetry, religion, in fact, all things pertinent to human beings.</p> <p><i>Faith Fitzgerald is an Internist and Professor of Medicine and Assistant Dean of Humanities and Bioethics at the University of California Davis. She took her M.D. at the University of California, San Francisco in 1969, was board certified in Internal Medicine in 1973 and has been teaching medical students and residents ever since. She has written on a wide variety of topics in medicine, including protean disease states, medical education, physical diagnosis and bioethics. She is a Master of the American College of Physicians, past Governor of the Northern California Chapter of the American College of Physicians (1997-2001), and sees patients in both hospital and clinic.</i></p>

**Open to the Public. Admission is free.**

**Reservations are requested to ensure adequate seating; please call (916) 452-2671.**

**All lectures are held at the Medical Society – 5380 Elvas Avenue, Sacramento**