

# GRAND ROUNDS



**Thursday, December 18, 2025**

**Location: Zoom (RSVP for link)**

**4:30pm- 6:00pm**

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## ***Virtuous, Not Virtual!***

### **The Role of Medical Virtues in the Professional Identity Formation of Medical Students**

***Maria A Basile, MD, MBA***

This Grand Rounds presentation examines the critical role of virtues in shaping physicians' professional identity and advocates for a renewed commitment to virtue-based ethics in medical practice. Dr. Maria Basile will trace the historical significance of virtue in defining what makes a 'good doctor,' explore its decline in medical education, and review efforts to reintroduce virtue-centered frameworks over the past five decades. Drawing on her experience as a colon and rectal surgeon, she will highlight the virtues she found most essential to clinical practice and introduce the Tripartite Taxonomy of Character Strengths and Virtues—an innovative model designed to foster reflection, resilience, and role-modeling for medical students and physicians at every stage of their careers.



Dr. Maria Basile is Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Family, Community, and Population Medicine at the Renaissance School of Medicine, where she also serves as Associate Director of the Center for Medical Humanities, Compassionate Care and Bioethics. A surgeon, educator, and award-winning poet, she has been a respected physician leader for more than 30 years.

She teaches core pre-clinical courses, contributes to clerkship training, mentors students, and engages in ethics consultations. Her scholarly work focuses on narrative medicine and reflective writing as tools for professional identity formation.

Dr. Basile is deeply involved in organized medicine, having twice served as President of the Suffolk County Medical Society and held leadership roles at the state and national levels, including the Medical Society of the State of New York and the American Medical Association.

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