"What Were We Thinking?

Medical Debacles of the Recent Past"





2012 James E. Dalen Distinguished Lecture for Health Policy

Featuring Andrew Weil, M.D.

Colossal medical mistakes in my lifetime include: tonsillectomies and appendectomies for everyone, X-ray treatments for acne, thymus ablation, reckless uses of drugs (DES, fen-phen, HRT for all menopausal women to name a few), bone marrow transplant for women with metastatic breast cancer, and more. What can we learn from these mistakes? What are we doing now in medicine that we will look back on fifty years from now with the same mixture of disbelief?

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Andrew Weil, M.D., is a world-renowned leader and pioneer in the field of integrative medicine, a healing oriented approach to health care which encompasses body, mind, and spirit.

Combining a Harvard education and a lifetime of practicing natural and preventive medicine, Dr. Weil is the founder and director of the Arizona Center for Integrative Medicine at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center, where he is also a Clinical Professor of Medicine and Professor of Public Health and the Lovell-Jones Professor of Integrative Rheumatology. Dr. Weil received both his medical degree and his undergraduate AB degree in biology (botany) from Harvard University.

He is an internationally recognized author of several books and publications; approximately 10 million copies of Dr. Weil's books have been sold. As a columnist for Prevention magazine and a frequent guest on Larry King Live, the Today Show, and the Dr. Oz Show, Dr. Weil provides valuable information and insight on how to incorporate conventional and complementary medicine practices into one's life to optimize the body's natural healing power.