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UAMS Event April 17 to Feature End-of-Life Expert BJ Miller, M.D.

LITTLE ROCK — A free event sponsored by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) will feature BJ Miller, M.D., a nationally recognized expert on palliative and end-of-life care.

“Not Whether, But How: An Evening with BJ Miller” is set for 6:30 p.m. April 17 at the Ron Robinson Theater, 100 River Market Ave., Little Rock. Although there is no cost to attend, seating is limited and preregistration is required at cancer.uams.edu/bjmillier.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and concessions will be available for purchase.

BJ Miller, M.D., a palliative care physician from San Francisco, began his “formal relationship with death” at age 19 when he was involved in an accident that resulted in the amputation of one arm below the elbow and both legs below the knee.

Drawing on his expertise as a physician, a patient and the former executive director of Zen Hospice Project, Miller is an advocate for a health care system that maximizes quality of life and minimizes unnecessary suffering.

His TED Talk titled [“What Really Matters at the End of Life”](#) has garnered more than 8 million views and ranks among the most viewed talks online. He encourages his listeners to reorient and reframe our relationship to the inevitable and brings creative power and meaning-making to death.

This event is hosted by the UAMS Division of Palliative Medicine and funded by a grant from the Dorothy Snider Foundation in recognition of National Healthcare Decisions Day.

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