



Faith Thayer Fitzgerald, M.D.

Philosophy of Care

I decided to become an internist because of the diagnostic and therapeutic challenges of complex disease. I also enjoy having the opportunity to talk with and listen to men and women from all different walks of life. My philosophy of care centers on applying rigorous thought and the knowledge of both medicine and the human experience to making people both feel better and fulfill their full potential. Frankly, a lot of "good health" is good luckeconomic, social and genetic. I like helping the unlucky.

Clinical Interests

Faith T. Fitzgerald is recognized for her superb diagnostic, patient care and teaching skills. In 1991, the American College of Physicians conferred upon her the prestigious title of "Master Physician." In 1992, she was honored by the California Medical Association with a Golden Apple lifetime academic achievement award.

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M.D., UC San Francisco School of Medicine, San Francisco CA 1969

B.A., UC Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara CA 1965

Internships

University of California, San Francisco, San Francisco CA 1969-1970

Residency

San Francisco General Hospital, San Francisco CA 1970-1972

Chief Resident, San Francisco General Hospital, San Francisco CA 1972-1973

Board Certifications

American Board of Internal Medicine

Professional Memberships

American College of Physicians

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Honors and Awards

In Recognition of Excellence in Teaching, University of California, Davis, School of Medicine, 1995

Select Recent Publications

Fitzgerald FT. Forgetting. *J Gen Intern Med*. 2011 Aug;26(8):943-5.

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