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Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican Hosting Screening of End-of-Life Film, *Being Mortal*

Henderson, Nev. – September 13, 2016 – Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican’s Siena campus is holding a free, community screening of the documentary *Being Mortal* on Friday, September 23, 2016 from 1-4 p.m. After the screening, audience members can participate in a guided conversation on how to take concrete steps to identify and communicate wishes about end-of-life goals and preferences.

Being Mortal delves into the hopes of patients and families facing terminal illness. The film investigates the practice of caring for the dying and explores the relationships between patients and their doctors. It follows a surgeon, Dr. Atul Gawande, as he shares stories from the people and families he encounters. When Dr. Gawande’s own father gets cancer, his search for answers about how best to care for the dying becomes a personal quest. The film sheds light on how a medical system focused on a cure often leaves out the sensitive conversations that need to happen so a patient’s true wishes can be known and honored at the end.

Being Mortal underscores the importance of people planning ahead and talking with family members about end-of-life decisions. 70 percent of Americans say they would prefer to die at home, but nearly that same percentage dies in hospitals and institutions. 90 percent of Americans know they should have conversations about end-of-life care, yet only 30 percent have done so.

“Death is not a topic that most want to discuss, but it’s such a significant discussion for everyone to have with their family,” says Brian Brannman, senior vice president of operations, Dignity Health Nevada. “Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican is proud to be chosen to host this important film screening to educate the public on this most difficult of subjects for most Americans.”

For more information on the film, please click [here](#). The free screening is made possible by a grant from The John and Wauna Harman Foundation in partnership with the Hospice Foundation of America.

About Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican

As the community’s only not-for-profit, religiously sponsored health system, Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican has been guided by the vision and core values of the Adrian Dominican Sisters for more than 65 years. As the Henderson and Las Vegas communities grow, the three St. Rose Dominican hospitals (the Rose de Lima, Siena and San Martín Campuses) and more than 3,400 employees will continue the Sisters’ mission of serving people in need. St. Rose Dominican is a member of the 21-state Dignity Health network of nearly 11,000 physicians, 56,000 employees, and more than 300 care centers, including hospitals, urgent and occupational care, imaging centers, home health, and primary care clinics. For more information, visit our website at strosehospitals.org or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or our [Blog](#). St. Rose is hiring! To apply for an open position, visit our [careers](#) website.

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