



THE ROLE OF MEDICINE IN THE HOLOCAUST AND ITS CONTEMPORARY RELEVANCE: *Sustaining Our Moral Compass*

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The *Lancet* Commission on Medicine, Nazism, and the Holocaust calls for confronting, reflecting upon, and learning about egregious ethical transgressions of health professionals and the medical establishment during Nazism and the Holocaust in all health professions education to support lifelong morally resilient, history-informed professional identity formation. Contemporary relevance of critical reflection on this history for cultivating moral leadership, countering antisemitism and discrimination of all kinds, and preserving human dignity is compelling.

Through lenses of medical educator and daughter of a Holocaust survivor, Dr. Wald delves into this dark history and braids the story of her collaboration with the Witten-Herdecke Faculty of Health, Germany within their Auschwitz-Birkenau study trip for health professions students. Impact and outcomes for study trip participants and expanded U.S. educational initiatives will be discussed as well as the contemporary relevance for all health professionals for combatting bias and navigating ethical challenges and complexities in the best interest of patients.

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