The Language of Pain
by David Biro, MD, PhD

Thursday, MARCH 24, 8-9:30AM
at Parnassus in HSW-300
Continental breakfast will be served.

Pain regularly accompanies illness, as Dr. David Biro knows only too well. Faced with a bone marrow transplant, he was determined to study his pain but found himself unable to articulate its depths. He has now discovered a way to break through the silent wall of suffering -- physical and psychological. By drawing on the real-life experiences of patients along with the work of our greatest writers and artists, he has developed a new vocabulary of pain in the metaphors he dubs the weapon, the mirror, and the X-ray. In the tradition of Susan Sontag’s *Illness as Metaphor*, Biro’s groundbreaking work, *The Language of Pain*, is sure to transform our understanding of and ability to communicate pain.

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