The Center for Medical Humanities, Compassionate Care and Bioethics

## **GRAND ROUNDS**

Thursday, October 14, 2021 HSC, Level 3, Lecture Hall 6 (<u>directions</u>) 4:30pm- 5:30pm

## Perpetrators, Victims, and Resisters: Medical Eponyms from the Nazi Era

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Medical associations have called for the removal of eponyms honoring physicians and medical researchers like Hans Asperger and others complicit in murder and medical crimes during the Nazi period and accorded eponymic recognition to those who resisted and suffered. Despite those efforts, eponyms honoring Nazi medical war criminals are still in use. This talk reviews a relatively little-known part of the history of medicine and recommends a course of action for current and emerging generations of medical professionals.



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