**Description of Presentation:**

Is passionate erotic love a disease? This question has elicited a massive amount of commentary, but no definitive answer exists. Historically, the psychic and somatic manifestations of those deeply in love suggested to some medical professionals that the overly intense amorous feeling is akin to a pathologic process. In this talk, Dr. González-Crussí reviews some of the arguments used in support of this thesis in the course of history, as well as the singular perceptions that some artists, especially painters, have contributed. The conclusion is not meant to support one or the other argument, but to show that a clear answer to the above question depends on how one defines disease. Thus, the complex nature of the very concept of disease is illustrated.

**Bio-sketch:**

Frank Gonzalez Crussi, M.D. is currently Professor Emeritus of Pathology of Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago, and former Head of Laboratories of the Children’s Memorial Hospital of Chicago, a post which he held at his retirement in 2001. He is a graduate of Mexico’s National Autonomous University (UNAM) School of Medicine (1961), took postgraduate training in the United States, and initiated a career in academic medicine in Canada (Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario), then returned to the U.S. (1973) and became a naturalized American citizen in 1987. His professional career has followed a dual path, medical and literary.

**Event Information:**

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