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3.30pm – 4.30pm

Scots Centre (*next to Scots Church*)

Cnr North Terrace and Pulteney Street, Adelaide

Ethics, drugs and the developing world: what should we expect of the pharmaceutical industry?

Presented by

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The relationship between the multinational pharmaceutical industry and the countries of the developing world is driven on the one hand by the profit motive and on the other by the health needs of a population that for the most part is extremely poor. How this relationship plays out will be explored in a number of areas including: ethical issues regarding clinical trials, the provision of medications, the research agenda of the pharmaceutical companies, promotion of drugs, intellectual property rights and exporting of pharmaceuticals to developing countries.

Joel Lexchin received his MD from the University of Toronto in 1977 and for the past 21 years has been an emergency physician at The University Health Network. He is currently a Professor in the School of Health Policy and Management at York University and an Associate Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto. He has been a consultant on pharmaceutical issues for the province of Ontario, various arms of the Canadian federal government, the World Health Organization, the government of New Zealand and the Australian National Prescribing Service. He is the author or co-author of over 80 peer-reviewed articles on topics such as physician prescribing behaviour, pharmaceutical patent issues, the drug approval process and prescription drug promotion.

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