Comprehensive Training in Yoga Science as Holistic Mind/Body Medicine

A Unique Curriculum of Practical AMI MEDITATION Tools to Help:
Relieve Physician Burnout and Stress • Support the Treatment of Chronic Pain and Addiction
Promote Optimal Health and Resilience

32 CMEs
AMA PRA Category 1 Credits

The Heart and Science of Yoga®
AMI MEDITATION • Mantra Science • Diaphragmatic Breathing • Yoga Psychology
Mind Function Optimization • Easy-Gentle Yoga • Lymph System Detox
Chakra System • Yoga Nidra • Ayurveda • Food as Medicine • Positional Therapy
Epigenomics • Trauma • PTSD • Resilience • Neuroplasticity • Mind/Body Research

AMI MEDITATION PRACTICES TO RELIEVE PHYSICIAN BURNOUT

OCTOBER 23-27, 2018

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Curriculum Endorsed by: Mehmet Oz MD, Dean Ornish MD, Larry Dossey MD and Bernie Siegel MD

Leonard Perlmutter AMI Founder
AMI’s Heart and Science of Yoga program is uniquely designed to offer you a refreshing, new, clearer, and kinder perspective on yourself and every personal and professional responsibility you face. Through engaging lectures by an accomplished faculty, instructive practicums and Q&A, you’ll gain experiential knowledge that will integrate Yoga Science into a dynamic self-care program. As a result of attending this year’s conference, you’ll return home with a set of practical tools that can empower you to make conscious, discriminating and reliable choices to enhance your creativity, well-being, happiness and success. Regardless of how challenging your circumstances might feel today, the science of Yoga can help.

**YOGA SCIENCE**
An educational body of knowledge for health and healing
- History, philosophy, research and benefits of yoga and meditation
- How to use the mind to make healthier choices
- How to access the “super-conscious” mind
- Understanding pain as an agent for healing
- The transformative power of sacrifice
- Increasing energy, will power and creativity
- The power of desire and attention
- Creative actions rather than reactionary responses
- Antidotes for worry, stress and depression

**AMI MEDITATION**
Systematic procedure for AMI MEDITATION
- How to diminish distractions
- Training one-pointed attention for creativity
- The one-minute meditation
- Using AMI MEDITATION skills throughout the day
- Mantra Science:
  - What are the world’s great mantras?
  - How to use thoughts and mantra in the healing process
- How the vibration of the mantra promotes health
- Neuroplasticity as an effect of meditation

**BREATHING**
The meaning of prana (life force)
- How breathing irregularities foster dis-ease
- Diaphragmatic breathing for pulmonary health

**COURSE OBJECTIVES UPON COMPLETION, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO:**
- Demonstrate knowledge of how Yoga Science as mind/body medicine can help heal disease, manage addictive habits, alleviate stress, inflammation and physician burnout
- Develop equanimity, discrimination, will power, creativity and energy through a daily practice of AMI MEDITATION and diaphragmatic breathing
- Incorporate long-term strategies for healthy lifestyle choices using Yoga Psychology
- Demonstrate knowledge of the principles of both Ayurveda and Epigenomics
- Identify yogic practices to transform trauma and increase resilience
- Utilize Food as Medicine (diet and nutrition) to maximize personal well being
- Demonstrate knowledge on the research and therapeutic modalities of yoga and meditation as mind/body medicine

- Recognize the physiological benefits of Easy-Gentle Yoga, and to identify and decrease chronic pain mechanisms for improved exercise, health and pain relief
- Help themselves and patients reduce conditioned habits of negative thinking and other symptoms of burnout through the healing powers of AMI MEDITATION and mantra science
- Use Chakra Psychology (subtle emotional/mental causes of stress) to diagnose and treat dis-ease
- Recognize how AMI MEDITATION and meditation-in-action change the neural pathways in the brain to help manage pain
- Identify altered pathways in the brain due to addiction and the ability of Yoga Science and AMI MEDITATION to assist brain chemistry and circuitry to heal and rebuild itself
- Use the tools of Yoga Science to create a personal and medical culture of health and wellbeing

**EASY-GENTLE YOGA**
Three sets of Easy-Gentle Yoga stretches for exercise and pain relief
- Understanding the physiology/anatomy of Easy-Gentle Yoga

**YOGA PSYCHOLOGY**
Understanding the anatomy of your real being
- How to help the mind function for optimal health
- Managing thoughts, desires and emotions
- How to experience freedom from fear
- Optimizing the power of the present moment
- Channeling the four primitive urges: Food, Sleep, Self-preservation
- Yoga Nidra (conscious sleep): Advanced mind/body healing
- Psychology of the Chakra System as a diagnostic tool
- Alleviating burnout, trauma/PTSD and building resilience
- Tools for building and healing relationships

**MIND/BODY SELF-CARE PLAN**
- How to reduce burnout and achieve work/life balance in today’s culture
- Understanding Ayurveda as a science and as a diagnostic tool
- Applying Epigenomics and lifestyle choices for health and wellness
- How to keep your AMI MEDITATION practice going and working
- How to introduce these practices to your patients
- Food as Medicine (diet, nutrition, Functional Medicine)
- How Yoga Science can help pain management and addiction recovery

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**Relieving Physician Burnout!**
You became a doctor because you care about people. You work hard and truly want to serve your patients and profession. But as a physician, you are subject to many stressors: overwork, cumbersome regulation, EMR and coding requirements, medical liability, on-call issues, lack of sleep, politics, and frustrations with the reimbursement structure.

By practicing Yoga Science as mind/body medicine, you can transform stress into strength—improving your job satisfaction and work/life balance, while reducing burnout symptoms of anger, depression, anxiety and exhaustion.

―*A problem cannot be solved on the level at which it appears. It must be solved on a higher level.* —**Albert Einstein**
An Effective Plan for YOU and your PATIENTS

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- Significant reductions in stress and fear
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- Lowered blood pressure
- Lowered heart rate
- Improved restorative sleep
- Improved energy levels
- Increased creative capacity
- Diminishment of migraine headaches
- Elimination of irritable bowel syndrome
- Enhanced happiness and optimism
- Reduced cholesterol levels
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- Weight loss
- Increased breathing capacity

SELF-CARE
is essential to YOUR WELLNESS
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**AMI Faculty Speakers**

**Leonard Perlmutter** AMI Founder

Yoga Science & Ayurveda Core Curriculum

Leonard is the founder and director of The American Meditation Institute, a noted educator, philosopher, and author of both the award-winning *The Heart and Science of Yoga* and the mind/body medicine journal *Transformation*. Leonard has served on the faculties of the New England Institute of Ayurvedic Medicine, the Himalayan Yoga Teachers Association and the College of Saint Rose. He is a direct disciple of Swami Rama—who, in laboratory conditions at the Menninger Institute, demonstrated that blood pressure, heart rate and the autonomic nervous system can be voluntarily controlled. Leonard has presented courses at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Albany Medical College, the Commonwealth Club of California, the U. S. Military Academy at West Point and *The New York Times* Yoga Forum with Dean Ornish MD.

**Mark Pettus MD**

Epigenomics/Inflammation/Allostatic Load

Mark is a board-certified internist and nephrologist currently serving as Director of Medical Education and Population Health at Berkshire Health Systems, and Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at UMass Medical School. Mark is the author of *The Savvy Patient* and It's All in Your Head.

**Susan Lord MD**

East Meets West and Food as Medicine

Susan graduated from Case Western School of Medicine and is in private practice in Great Barrington, MA focusing on prevention and treatment through mindful living and lifestyle changes. She served as Course Director for the Food as Medicine program at the Center for Mind/Body Medicine from 1996-2007.

**Jesse Ritvo MD**

Alleviating Trauma/PTSD & Building Resilience

Jesse graduated from Harvard College and received his medical degree from the Brown-Dartmouth Medical Program. Jesse is assistant medical director of inpatient psychiatry at the University of Vermont Health Center-Central Vermont Medical Center, as well as an assistant professor of medicine at UVM.

**Renee Goodemote MD**

Pain Management & Addiction Recovery

Rene is medical director, Saratoga Hospital Community Health Center. She served as chair of the Department of Family Medicine and President of the Medical Staff. She is board certified in Family Medicine, offering Yoga Science to her patients in the form of a nutrition Rx and complementary pain management program.

**Gustavo Grodnitzky PhD**

Culture Trumps Everything

Gustavo is a noted psychologist and author. After receiving his Ph.D. in clinical and school psychology from Hofstra University, he completed post-doctoral degrees in both cognitive therapy and forensic psychology. He serves as Chair of American Meditation Institute’s Psychological Education Department.

**Anita Burock-Stotts MD**

Meditation-in-Action Panel

Anita is board certified in Internal Medicine and currently practices Functional Medicine in Guidleton, NY. She graduated from Penn State (Phi Beta Kappa) and the Medical College of Pennsylvania (Alpha Omega Alpha), and is a member of AMI’s Department of Medical Education.

**Beth Netter MD**

Breath as Medicine & Relieving Burnout

Beth is an holistic physician in Albany, NY. A graduate of the University at Buffalo’s School of Biomedical Sciences, she completed her residency in anesthesiology at Brigham & Women’s Hospital in Boston. Beth is an AMI certified meditational therapist and serves as Chair of AMI’s Department of Medical Education.

**Anthony Santilli MD**

Relieving Physician Burnout

Tony received his medical degree from the University at Buffalo, having completed his fellowship at Weill Cornell University and post graduate training at Brown. He is board-certified in Pulmonary and Critical Care medicine in Schenectady and Amsterdam NY, and is a member of AMI’s Department of Medical Education.

**Joshua Zamer MD**

Pain Management & Addiction Recovery

Joshua is medical director for Addiction Medicine, Saratoga Hospital Community Health Center and Department of Family Practice chair. He is board certified in Family and Addiction Medicine, and previously served at the St. Peter’s Addiction Recovery Center (SPARC) Inpatient Detox Unit and Outpatient Clinic.

**Prashant Kaushik MD**

Meditation-in-Action Panel

Prashant received Bachelors of Medicine & Surgery degrees from All India Institute of Medical Services. A board-certified, lead Rheumatologist at the Albany VA Medical center, he is Associate Professor, Dept. of Internal Medicine, Albany Medical College, and a member of the AMI Department of Medical Education.

**Lee Albert NMT**

Positional Therapy for Chronic Pain Relief

Lee is a neuromuscular therapist and certified yoga instructor. He created, practices and teaches Integrated Positional Therapy—yogic protocols to reduce and often elminate chronic pain. Lee is the author of *Yoga for Pain Relief: A New Approach to an Ancient Practice and Live Pain Free without Drugs or Surgery*. 
The Albany Medical College designates this Live activity for a maximum of 32 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

GOURMET VEGETARIAN CUISINE
During the conference attendees will be served delicious gourmet vegetarian meals thoughtfully prepared by the Cranwell’s 4-Diamond rated chefs. If you have special needs or dietary restrictions, please contact AMI at (518) 674-8714 by October 1, 2018.

ROOMMATE MATCHING
If you’ll be traveling alone and would like to minimize expenses by asking a person to share accommodations, please email to be added to the Roommate Matching List. The list will then be sent to you so you may contact others to make arrangements. elaine@americanmeditation.org

REFUND POLICY
A written cancellation must be received by Monday, October 1, 2018 for a refund to be granted. No refunds will be given after this date. A $250 administrative fee will be deducted from all refunds.

U.S. PHYSICIAN ACCREDITATION (32 CMEs)
This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint providership of Albany Medical College and The American Meditation Institute. Albany Medical College is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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NURSING CONTINUING EDUCATION (32 Contact Hours)
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PSYCHOLOGIST CONTINUING EDUCATION (32 CE Hours)
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AMI MEDITATION STUDY Draws Participants from Heart and Science of Yoga™ Conference
The American Meditation Institute has recently received IRB (Institutional Review Board) approval through the Berkshire Medical Center to conduct a research study to examine the impact of a basic, daily mantra-based AMI MEDITATION practice on the symptoms of burnout, compassion fatigue and stress in healthcare providers. The participants in this ongoing study are among those who receive their training in Yoga Science as holistic mind/body medicine at AMI’s annual Heart and Science of Yoga™ CME conference.

The principal investigator of the study is Mark Pettus MD. According to co-principal investigator Beth Nettet MD, “This study will evaluate how a daily AMI MEDITATION practice can help healthcare professionals experience a happier, healthier life, relief from burnout symptoms and an enhanced work/life balance.”
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FREE TO ATTENDEES: 5 1/2 Hour Online Video Course
Leonard Perlmutter’s same core curriculum presented at AMI’s 2018 CME conference. You’ll also receive a paperback and eBook copies of The Heart and Science of Yoga®, The Physiology of Yoga (with Clinical Studies), and a 20 minute guided AMI MEDITATION CD. A $341 value.

TARGET AUDIENCE:
Healthcare professionals who are interested in learning how Yoga Science can relieve and prevent burnout, and/or who provide direct patient care or education in areas of self-care, lifestyle choices, and mind/body medicine.
PHYSICIAN ATTENDEES FROM 2014-2017

100% of last year’s attendees evaluated “The Heart and Science of Yoga®” conference as "Superior" to other CME courses.

1. “This course was life changing. The knowledge, expertise and compassion of the faculty introduced me to a practice and philosophy fundamentally different from the way allopathic medicine views the mind and body.”
   Steven Lee MD, Orthopedics, NYC

2. “Life changing! Everyone in every facet of life should experience this. I’m so grateful for you and your institution and all involved for bringing truth to doctors with love and compassion. This is a light the world needs to see.”
   Pamela Shervanick MD, Psychiatry, RI

3. “This was the best CME course I ever attended. It gave me a strong foundation to help patients mindfully improve their lives. I learned powerful and practical skills to use for my greater good.”
   Vi Quach MD, Internal Medicine, NYC

4. “This has been an excellent conference. I appreciate being able to obtain CME credits for self-care that empowers patient care.”
   Michael Stephens MD, Family Med, NC

5. “This was a fantastic, informative course! It was a great balance of theory and science for practical use. It gave me the opportunity to see how I can incorporate what I learned in my own life and with my patients.”
   Renee Gootemote MD, Family Med, NY

6. “This is the only CME course I’ve ever attended that reminds me that in order to be a better doctor I need to take care of myself.”
   Karenga Lemmons MD, Internal Med, DC

7. “This conference was very helpful for burnt-out physicians who need healing. It was an excellent program.”
   Melinda Darling MD, Pediatrician, MD

8. “I would give this course a five star rating, due to the uniqueness of the material, comprehensive curriculum and quality of the speakers.”
   Celeste Chace NP, Pediatrics, MA

9. “This has given me a new perspective on life, connections with like-minded professionals. Everybody should attend, and the food was great and plentiful.”
   Stacey Pristelski MD, Family Medicine, WI

10. “This course has given me a new and better outlook on life, and the tools to make it stick.”
    Farhana Riaz MD, Pediatric Radiologist, MA

11. “Amazing conference! Life altering. The flow of the lectures built on each other and everything was pulled together beautifully.”
    Colleen Opremcak MD, Psychiatrist, OH

12. “A masterfully designed course! I came away with actionable knowledge and practice to begin my own journey into meditation and yoga.”
    Faith Holmes MD, Palliative Medicine, TX
The Heart and Science of Yoga®, which forms the basis of AMI’s Holistic Mind/Body Medicine curriculum, is endorsed by:

DR OZ (MEHMET OZ MD), DEAN ORNISH MD
LARRY DOSSEY MD, BERNIE SIEGEL MD

“This teaching has been an enormous benefit in my personal and professional life. I have less stress, more focus, and am able to serve my patients with greater clarity. It becomes surprisingly easy now to recognize the many clinical situations in which patients with somatic manifestations of ‘dis-ease’ could greatly benefit from Yoga Science.”

JOEL M. KREMER, MD
Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Rheumatology, Albany, NY