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Bio

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Internal Medicine
- Medical Education
- Bedside Exam
- The Patient-Physician relationship
- Medical Errors
- Story and Ritual of Medicine

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor Emeritus, Medicine
- Member, Cardiovascular Institute

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Director, PRESENCE, (2017- present)
- Adjunct Faculty, Freeman Spogli Institute: Stanford Health Policy, (2010- present)
- Faculty, Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics, (2009- present)
- Vice Chair for the Theory & Practice of Medicine, Stanford University, Department of Medicine, (2007-2023)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Doctor of Arts (Honorary), Harvard University (2025)
- Fellow, Guggenheim Foundation (2023-24)
- Doctor of Humane Letters (Honorary), College of the Holy Cross (2022)
- Doctor of Science (Honorary), McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario (2017)
- National Humanities Medal, President Obama and the National Endowment for the Arts (2016)
- Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh (2014)

- Honorary Doctorate, Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland (2014)
- The Heinz Award in Humanities, The Heinz Foundation (2014)
- Doctor of Humane Letters (Honorary), Upstate Medical University, SUNY Syracuse (2012)
- Member, Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences (2011)
- Doctor of Humane Letters (Honorary), University of Northern Illinois (2007)
- John P. McGovern Medal, Osler Society, Montreal (2007)
- Member, Association of American Physicians, Association of American Physicians (2006)
- Master, American College of Physicians (2005)
- Doctor of Science (Honorary), Swarthmore College (2001)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Medical Education: Madras University Medicine (1980) India
- Residency: East Tennessee State University Medicine (1983) TN
- Board Certification: Internal Medicine, American Board of Internal Medicine (1983)
- Fellow in Infectious Diseases, Boston Univ School of Medicine , Infectious Diseases (1985)
- Board Certification: Infectious Disease, American Board of Internal Medicine (1986)
- Board Certification: Pulmonary Disease, American Board of Internal Medicine (1988)
- Master of Fine Arts, The University of Iowa , Fiction (1991)

LINKS

- my web site: http://www.abrahamverghese.com

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

My interest is in clinical skills and the bedside exam, both in its technical aspects, but also in the importance of the ritual and what is conveyed by the physician's presence and technique at the bedside. This work interests me from an educational point of view, and also from the point of view of ethnographic studies related to rituals and how they transform the patient-physician relationship. Recently we have become interested in medical error as a result of oversights in the bedside exam.

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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- **A Touch Of Sense** *HEALTH AFFAIRS*
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- **Cutting for Stone** *A novel published by Alfred P. Knopf, NY*
  Verghese A
  2009
- **Culture Shock: The Patient as Icon, Icon as Patient** *New England Journal of Medicine*
  Verghese A
  2008; 359 (26): 2748-51
- **The Calling** *New England Journal of Medicine*
  Verghese A
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- **My Own Country: A Doctor's Story of a Town and Its People in the Age of AIDS** *Simon & Schuster, New York, NY 1994.*
  Verghese A
- **The Tennis Partner: A Doctor's Story of Friendship and Loss** *1998 Aug. (Harper Collins in the USA, Vintage in the UK, Penguin in India). 1999 Oct Paperback version (by Harper Perennial in the USA and Vintage in UK)*
  Verghese A
- **THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE WORLD (Book Review)** *NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW*
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- **"The Art of the Craft," From The Covenant of Water.** *JAMA*
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  2023
- **Past and present: Sir Ian Hill (1904-1982). A vignette.** *The journal of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh*
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- **Teaching Anti-Racism in the Clinical Environment: The Five-Minute Moment for Racial Justice in Healthcare: Teaching anti-racism.** *The American journal of medicine*
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  2022
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  Chen, J. H., Verghese, A.
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- **The Road Back to the Bedside.** *JAMA*
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- **Writing Medicine.** *JAMA*
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