



Improv Medicine Workshop presented both morning and afternoon at our FREE Conference on March 18th

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Jason Pfeifer, Founder of The Improv Medicine Show, is a working actor, cancer survivor and head of Holy Cross Hospital's non-medical integrative Cancer Support Services program based in Taos, New Mexico. He facilitates groups, leads workshops and has been involved in management and leadership positions at University of New Mexico and the Taos Entrepreneurial Network. Currently, Jason coordinates and manages Holy Cross Hospital's Cancer Support Services Program. Combining his skills as an actor, educator and leader along with his personal experience, he created Improv Medicine to foster better communication, understanding, and trust between service professionals and clients.



Irene Loy, Research and Communications Director and a Workshop Facilitator for Improv Medicine, brings to this work a professional background of over a decade in healthcare, education, theatre, and non-profit settings. She also has a wealth of play experience the likes of Ruth Zaporah, Arthur Lessac, contact improv, and authentic movement. On year eight in New Mexico and counting, she is thrilled to be part of the Improv Medicine Show. Her intent in doing this work is that we all get better at communicating with others by first having a good laugh at ourselves.

What is Improv Medicine?

Improv Medicine is a group of individuals committed to bringing more presence, connection and trust to the medical community using improvisation workshops and performances. Improv Medicine uses the craft of improvisation to help facilitate opening lines of communication and understanding between health care providers and their patients. The goal is to safely explore the roles we engage in with others to bring awareness back into our professional and personal lives, which can be especially difficult in stressful situations that include life-threatening illness. Participants can expect an engaging and interactive experience combining improv activities and group discussion, both of which focus on being fully present in the face of cancer in order to maintain healthy relationships with others as well as ourselves.

Cancer Support Now's 6th Annual Conference

Living With & Beyond Cancer

on **Saturday, March 18, 2017**
8:30am to 4:30pm

at Central United Methodist Church,
201 University Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM

Registration online at

<http://www.cancersupportnow.org>