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Dr. Henri Colt is an internationally recognized physician, author, and award-winning educator known for integrating science, ethics, and humanism in medicine. An Emeritus Professor of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, he has been a transformative figure in interventional pulmonology, global medical education, and the development of competency-based procedural training. His creation of <a href="mailto:Bronchoscopy International">Bronchoscopy International</a>® helped reshape how clinicians around the world learn complex airway techniques, shifting the field from "see one, do one, teach one" to structured, simulation-enhanced, learner-centered curricula.

Henri's career reflects a deep commitment to cross-cultural understanding. Born in New York to immigrant parents, he spent formative years in France and trained at the University of Nice School of Medicine under pioneering heart surgeon Vincent Dor. Early work in infectious diseases in Manhattan during the HIV/AIDS crisis, followed by service in the French military and health care work in Africa, reinforced his belief in medicine as both a scientific and ethical calling.

He later completed fellowship training in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine under Dr. Sonia Buist at the Oregon Health Sciences University and joined Dr. Jean-François Dumon in Marseille at the Centre Laser, positioning him at the forefront of interventional pulmonology's evolution. Henri went on to serve on the faculties of UC San Diego and UC Irvine before focusing on global education, wilderness medicine, and writing.

A Fellow of the Academy of Wilderness Medicine and an APPA-certified philosophical practitioner, Henri is known for guiding healthcare professionals through questions of meaning, burnout, moral distress, and the emotional complexities of care. He has held leadership roles in numerous medical societies, including serving as Chairman of the World Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology and as a founding member and President of the American Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology.

Henri has authored more than 300 peer-reviewed papers, book chapters, and textbooks, and has been a long-standing author and section editor for *UpToDate*. His recent scholarly work explores interventional pulmonology training, artificial intelligence, and computational modeling. His YouTube training videos have garnered more than one million views, and his blog, *Colt's Corner: Reflections on a Medical Journey* is read by thousands around the world.

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A compelling public speaker, Dr. Colt lectures internationally on medical ethics, humanism, education, spirituality, and the stories that shape the experience of illness. His writing extends beyond medicine: *Picture of Health: Medical Ethics and the Movies* (Oxford University Press, 2011) is an anthology of essays by experts using feature films to teach in the classroom. *30 Stories About Life & Death* (2023) is a collection of Henri's flash fiction, while *Becoming Modigliani* (2024), his biography of tuberculosis-plagued, Jewish-Italian artist Amedeo Modigliani, was named one of the "Best Books of 2024" by *Kirkus Reviews*.

When he is not traveling, Henri divides his time between Laguna Beach, California, Paris, and the South of France.

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