



Join us for an important presentation that could save your life or someone you love: *How to be a Smart Patient*

Thursday, May 14, 11:00 AM, UCPN, 380 Washington Avenue, Roosevelt, NY

Most everyone in the U.S. has doctors' visits and medical tests in their lifetime. For many of us, it begins before we are born. Throughout our lives we face questions about our health and healthcare, from managing a common cold, to needing to have a surgery. Sometimes we need to make decisions that may seriously affect our health. While families of children with special needs become very accustomed to working with healthcare providers, many other people are not. And anyone can be baffled by a new prescription, a medical opinion, or a lab visit. Our life experiences shape the way we handle our health care, and unfortunately it can be with an overreliance on others leading the way.

Pegalis & Erickson Attorneys at Law has been a supporter of **ucpn** for many years, and has helped many of our clients. In addition to helping clients harmed by medical errors, their goal for forty years has been to help change harmful medical practices, and to educate people about empowering themselves in their healthcare decisions. Although medical practices have improved over the past forty years, medical errors still occur every single day. On Thursday, May 14, Long Island award-winning trial attorney, and father of four, Robert V. Fallarino, Esq., will share methods and tips for being a smart healthcare consumer, including:

- How to prepare to visit a new doctor and get the most out of every doctor's appointment
- What types of medical records you should maintain and/or obtain
- What to find out before you schedule a lab test
- How to take an active role in working with your doctor or nurse when you are ill
- What we can each do ourselves to prevent diagnostic medical errors

Attorney Robert V. Fallarino of Pegalis and Erickson, LLC, has more than 25 years of law experience. He recently obtained the fourth highest verdict in NY State for medical negligence for a Long Island Mom with breast cancer. Bob has dedicated his career to compassionately helping people who have endured life altering and catastrophic injuries. He strives to resolve matters in the most advantageous setting for his clients, whether by obtaining a jury verdict, through a court conference settlement, or with a mediator. Bob ensures his clients from all walks of life feel comfortable with every aspect of the legal proceedings, and confident of the decisions throughout the legal process. Bob is also active in community matters, and serves as VP of the East Williston Union Free School District Board of Ed. To fulfill his professional and community service roles, he relies on his wife, Carmel, and his sons. Fallarino is admitted to practice law in New York, North Carolina and the District of Columbia, as well as in the Federal Courts for Eastern and Southern Districts of New York and the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. Bob obtained his law degree (J.D.) from St. John's University School of Law as a St. Thomas More Scholar, and also graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in government and politics. Robert Fallarino, Esq. can be reached at rfallarino@pegalisanderickson.com or at (516) 684-2900.

Light refreshments will be served. To hold your seat for May 14, please call 516 378-2000, ext. 651 or email info@ucpn.org