Prior to the 1970’s, homosexuality was routinely seen as a psychiatric disorder, the treatment for which was conversion therapy. With the advent of the civil rights movement, gay activists took on the psychiatric establishment. In 1973, the American Psychiatric Association removed homosexuality from the DSM. Nevertheless, even today in some places this “therapy” is still used.

*Doctor Anonymous* chronicles this gay conversion therapy and the historic struggle between homosexuality and psychiatry. This full-length play ran in Los Angeles in 2014. His other full-length play *The Last Castrato* enjoyed a successful run in New York in 2010.

The presenter, a psychiatrist with twenty years of experience treating gay and lesbian patients, wrote a play about the events leading up to this important decision. He will show video selections from a production of the play and will speak about how physicians can use stories to educate and advocate for patients, as well as the personal experience of being both a doctor and a playwright.

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