The 21st Annual Conference for Integrative and Energy Therapies, (www.epccanada.ca) hosted at the Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, is pleased to announce that Dr Patch Adams, known around the world as the Clown Doctor and portrayed by Robin Williams in Patch Adams, will be offering a keynote lecture and provide the feature event in the evening at our Conference on Friday, October 18, 2019.

This Event is Open to the Public!

**General Admission:** $79.00.

**Conference attendees:** $40.00

For nearly a half century now, Dr Adams has been advocating for, and bringing healing to tens of thousands of people using joy as medicine. Having stated that he has never met anyone he disliked enough to prescribe psychotropic medicines to, Dr Adams has continuously brought his unique prescription of attention, kindness, patience, and a willingness to go wherever suffering is happening to people to heal that suffering.

Medicine is an art, a mind-set. And for more than 20 years now, Dr Adams has been leading groups of volunteers to impoverished orphanages, isolated villages, refugee camps, mental institutions, hospitals, prisons, the bedsides of the dying, and other places where people are suffering so that not only can the energy of joy work its enduring or even temporary effects on that suffering but also the suffering of those who travel with him. Recently, over the past few years, Dr Adams led a group of US war veterans, all of them suffering from the horrible and often debilitating effects of war in their lives, to go clowning for others. Documented in the film *Clown Vets*, one can see first-hand how when suffering meets suffering, a transformation can occur.

Informing all of this, Dr Adams has a vision of a free hospital (currently on land in the poorest county in rural West Virginia) where families and patients alike will live with doctors, nurses, and support staff. In this space of continuous care, the average 7.5 minutes that doctors currently spend with their patients, limited by insurance companies that dictate the frequency and duration of care, will be only a very bad memory. Although still physically in the building stages, this hospital already exists through every trip that Dr Adams leads, at every speaking event he attends, and in every situation where people inspired by him pick up the torch and bring joy as medicine to those around them.

Traveling more than 340 days out of the year around the globe leading and speaking to others, Dr Adams inspires them with his vision. His workshops (like “What’s Your Love Strategy”) tap the mind-body nexus to activate non-pharmaceutical, non-toxic forms of healthy and effective healing, not only for people, but also for groups and communities alike. It is no exaggeration to say that the energy of listening to him can be transformative and life-changing and healing.

Don’t miss this special opportunity!