

End of Life and Palliative Care Overview Information

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This course serves as an introduction and overview to the complex world of palliative care. Lectures with visual aids are presented by national experts in the emerging field of palliative care. Presenters discuss the basic precepts of palliative care and go into detail in terms of symptom management for common disease processes, the nature and structure of hospice programs, and how palliative care programs can interface with traditional medical care. After completing this course, learners should have a broad understanding of the field.

INTENDED AUDIENCE

Clinicians who are licensed in the state of Massachusetts, as well as physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, social workers, pharmacists and other allied health professionals interested in broadening their knowledge base in palliative care.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this activity, the participant will be able to:

- Understand the basic concepts of palliative care and how it interfaces with the health system in order to provide comfort and symptom management in serious disease states and at the end of life
- Recognize the specific clinical syndromes and problems that can happen in late stage disease to cause suffering and become familiar with medications and other interventions which can help manage these conditions

- Become familiar with the concept of hospice programs and understand their payment mechanisms and eligibility criteria

TOPICS AND SPEAKERS

- Palliative Radiation Therapy - *Stephen Berns, MD*
- Palliative Care in the ICU - *Zara Cooper, MD*
- Culture and Palliative Care - *Helen M. Fernandez, MD, MPH*
- Palliative Care in the ICU - *Michael L. Frankenthaler, MD, FCCP*
- Palliative Care in Neuro-Degenerative Disease - *Elizabeth Lindenberger, MD*
- Palliative Care: Pain and Symptom Management - *Ursula A. McVeigh, MD*
- Palliative Care 2012 - *Diane E. Meier, MD, FACP*
- Hospice Billing and Documentation - *Sonni Mun, MD*
- Hospice - *Cynthia X. Pan, MD, AGSF, FACP*
- Pediatric Palliative Care - *Eugene Perlov, MD*
- Palliative Care and End of Life - *Elizabeth M. Rickerson, MD*
- Palliative Care Emergencies - *Cardinale B. Smith, MD, MSCR*
- Geriatric Nephrology and Renal Palliative Care - *Mark Swidler, MD*

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