The Coleman Palliative Medicine Training Program

Palli Smart Session Descriptions

(In alphabetical order by topic)

AI in Serious Illness Care: Helpful Tool or Cold Intrusion: A 2-Part Series

Panelists:

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Moderator:

Stacie Levine MD, CMD, FAAHPM, AGSF
Professor and Chief
Section of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine
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Overview of Part 1

This is a panel discussion about current applications of AI in medicine and the role of governance and ethics around its use with speakers whose work centers on medical informatics and their research examines clinical and translational applications of artificial intelligence.

Overview of Part 2

In Part 2, panelists discuss domains where AI may play a role in serious illness care and in provider education, and the risks, benefits and guardrails recommended for AI in its current state. The applications include documentation of advance care planning and goals of care conversations, prognostication, communication skills training for providers, patient facing communication, and the use of AI in documenting clinical notes.

Anorexia-Cachexia in Palliative Care

Speaker:

Vasyl Hereha, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Section of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine
University of Chicago Medicine

Overview

This session explores the mechanisms and presentation of anorexia-cachexia in palliative care, the differences in pathophysiology across disease states, and practical strategies for management and communication with patients and families.

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Constipation, Bowel Obstruction and Diarrhea in Palliative Care

Speaker:

Miriam Correa, MSN, AGPCNP-BC, ACHPN
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
Palliative Care Service
UI Health, Chicago

Overview

This session addresses the epidemiology, pathophysiology, review of assessment and evidence-based approaches to treatment of constipation, bowel obstruction and diarrhea in seriously ill patients.

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Cough, Pruritis, Hiccups

Speaker:

Melissa Marinelli, MD
Clinical Associate of Medicine
Section of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine
University of Chicago Medicine

Overview

This session provides an overview of the mechanism and etiology of cough, pruritus, hiccups; discussing identifying common causes of these symptoms; and reviews treatment approaches for symptom management.

Deactivation/Withdrawal of Left Ventricular Devices (LVAD)

Speaker:

Charles Rhee, MD, FACP, FAAHPM
Clinical Associate of Medicine
Section of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine
University of Chicago Medicine

Overview

This session discusses clinical scenarios leading to consideration of LVAD deactivation and the process of LVAD deactivation.

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Decision Making Capacity Assessment and Informed Consent: A Slippery Slope in Caring for Socially Isolated Patients

Speakers:

Jacqueline Cameron, MD, MA
Bariatric Medicine
Hartford HealthCare Medical Group, CT

Kimberly Martin, DNP, APN-C
Adult Inpatient Palliative Medicine Consultation
Section of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine
Faculty, MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics
University of Chicago Medicine

Overview

This session is a case-based discussion of the principles and application of clinical medical ethics; determinations around surrogacy and guardianship; and the meaning and types of guardianship and laws surrounding it.

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Do Not Resuscitate: Its History, Evolution and Quandaries in Practice

Panelists:

Sean O'Mahony MB BCh, BAO, MS, FAAHPM
Professor and Division Chief, Palliative Medicine
University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

Daniel Brauner, MD
Chief, Division of Geriatrics
Western Michigan University

Moderator:

Jeff Farroni, PhD, JD
Professor of Clinical Ethics, Dept. of Bioethics & Health Humanities
School for Public & Population Health
Director, Institutional Ethics Program
Member, Institute for Translational Sciences
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

Overview

This is a panel discussion among medical ethicists, a geriatrician and a palliative medicine physician that delves into the history of CPR, DNR, how DNR catalyzed the patient autonomy movement, and the ethical and practical implications of DNR in clinical practice.

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Expanding the Scope: Palliative Care for Patients Living with Serious Mental Illness and Chronic Medical Illnesses

Panelists:

Sandra Swantek, MD
Director, Section of Geriatric Psychiatry
Rush University Medical Center, Chicago

Sean O'Mahony MB BCh, BAO, MS, FAAHPM
Professor and Division Chief, Palliative Medicine
University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

Moderator:

James Gerhart, PhD
Associate Professor
Department of Psychology
Ohio University

Overview

This is a panel discussion among a nationally recognized geriatric psychiatrist, a psychologist and a palliative medicine physician that addresses the definition of serious mental illness (SMI), strategies for assessment and communication with persons with SMI, barriers these patients may encounter to receive integrated mental health and palliative

care, and tangible steps that providers may pursue to enhance these people's access to quality, palliative care and men

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Hematologic Malignancies in Palliative Care – Coming Soon

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Incorporating Palliative Medicine Into Surgical Oncology

Speaker:

Margaret Putman, DO
Assistant Professor of Medicine
Section of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine
University of Chicago Medicine

Overview

This session describes the current evidence for incorporating palliative medicine into surgical oncology; identifies barriers and opportunities for improvement in the integration of palliative care into surgical oncology and concludes with key strategies for partnership between surgical oncology and palliative care.

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Management of Sleep Disorders in the Context of Serious Illness

Speakers:

Dr. Oxana Palesh, Ph.D., M.P.H.
Department of Psychiatry Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center Chair in Cancer Research
Virginia Commonwealth University

Margaret Kay-Stacey, MD
Assistant Professor of Neurology
Ambulatory Medical Director, Neurology
University of Chicago Medicine

Overview

This session provides a review the most common sleep complaints and conditions in cancer patients/palliative care; defines insomnia and the types of insomnia; and describes

the pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic treatment options for insomnia in the setting of serious illness.

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Mental Status Changes: Identifying and Managing Acute Confusion

Speaker:

Christine Hudoba, MSN, AGACNP-BC
Adult Inpatient Palliative Medicine Consultation
Section of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine
University of Chicago Medicine

Overview

This session teaches viewers how to define/classify delirium including by subtype; name predisposing and precipitating risk factors; outline an approach to evaluation/identification; and identify appropriate interventions.

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The Opioid Crisis Meets End-of-Life Care – Coming Soon

Discussant:

Oscar Jim Michael Coppes, MD
Assistant Professor
Department of Anesthesiology
Medical College of Wisconsin

Moderator:

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Professor and Division Chief, Palliative Medicine
University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

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Palliative Care for the Trauma Patient

Speaker:

Anne C. Mosenthal, MD, FACS, MAMSE
Chief Academic Officer, Lahey Hospital Medical Center
Regional Executive Dean - UMass Chan Medical School - Lahey
Professor, UMass Chan - Lahey Department of Surgery

Overview

This session discusses defining acute serious Illness and the unique palliative care needs of patients in the trauma and surgical setting; defining the trauma palliative care assessment and communication strategies to support patients, their families and the multidisciplinary team; and barriers and strategies for addressing them in practice in the trauma and surgical setting.

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So You Want to be a Hospice Director

Speaker:

Joseph W. Shega, MD
Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer
VITAS Healthcare

Overview

This session addresses the hospice benefit and the role of the medical director in the hospice care model. Topics discussed include: reimbursement, services, impact of hospice on patient/family, system outcomes, compliance, clinical care, quality and community outreach.

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Telehealth in Palliative Care

Speaker:

Kathleen Broglio, DNP, ACHPN, FAAHPM
Associate Professor of Medicine, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College
Nurse Practitioner Palliative Medicine
Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center and Clinics

Overview
This session presents the evidence for telehealth in palliative care; describe the benefits and limitations of telehealth for patients with palliative care needs; and provides pointers on how to maximize the success of palliative care telehealth visits.

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What is Comfort Care?

Speakers:

Sean O'Mahony MB BCh, BAO, MS, FAAHPM
Professor and Division Chief, Palliative Medicine
University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

Stacie Levine MD, CMD, FAAHPM, AGSF
Professor and Chief, Section of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine
University of Chicago Medicine

Overview
This session discusses the concept of a good death and trains providers on preparing families and the team about end-of-life care.

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Withdrawal of Life Sustaining Treatments: Ventilators and Dialysis

Speakers:

Stacie Levine MD, CMD, FAAHPM, AGSF
Professor and Chief
Section of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine
Department of Medicine
University of Chicago Medicine

Aziz Ansari DO, SFHM, FAAHPM, FACP
Associate Chief Medical Officer, Clinical Optimization and Revenue Integrity
Professor of Medicine
Loyola University Medical Center, Chicago

Overview
This session addresses clinical and communication issues when it comes to terminal extubation and withdrawal of dialysis in end-of-life situations as it relates to life expectancy and offering suggestions on how to navigate common questions asked by patients and families.