



Continuing the Conversation . . .
Addressing Barriers to End-of-Life Care

7th Annual Conference of the Connecticut
Coalition to Improve End-of-Life Care

Friday April 23, 2010

Albertus Magnus College
Hubert Campus Center
9151 Winchester Ave
New Haven, CT 06511

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Conference Goals & Objectives

Goals

The goals of this conference are to highlight progress in end-of-life care in multiple populations and settings, provide a multi-disciplinary perspective to end-of-life care efforts, and describe the unmet needs of end-of-life care providers.

Objectives

Following this conference participants will be able to:

1. Describe the impact of palliative care programs in specific geographic areas.
2. Discuss past and future barriers to delivering palliative care in Connecticut.
3. Identify ethical and legal issues that arise when there are disagreements about end-of-life care.
4. Describe unmet needs of Connecticut end-of-life health care providers.
5. Discuss Christian Jewish and Muslim spiritual issues at end-of-life.
6. Examine ways of improving conversation in pediatric palliative care.
7. Examine the consequences of a traumatic grief experience.
8. Describe the stress reaction and explore mindfulness-based approaches to end-of-life care.

About CTEOL

The Connecticut Coalition to Improve End-of-Life Care (CTEOL) was founded in 1998 to develop a comprehensive approach to improving the care and support of dying patients and their families during the end of life and bereavement periods.

The mission of CTEOL is to improve the care of people who are dying and their families in the state of Connecticut and to ensure that every individual has information about and access to compassionate, quality end-of-life care. The Coalition's primary objectives in fulfilling its mission are to:

- Identify, disseminate and promote education on end-of-life care for health care professionals, the general public and policy makers;
- Encourage the translation of research in end-of-life care into practice;
- Promote effective end-of-life care through public policy.

Conference Schedule

7:30am – 8:30am

Registration, Networking, Exhibits, Continental Breakfast

8:30am – 9:30 am

Impact of Palliative Care Programs for Specific Geographic Areas

Sean O'Mahony MB, BCH, BAO

9:30 am – 9:40 am

Welcoming Remarks

9:40am – 10:40 am

Palliative Care in Connecticut: Perspectives from the Past and Barriers to the Future

Lawrence Solomon, MD

10:40am – 11:00am: Break, Exhibits

11:00 am to 12:00 noon

Futility Issues: Facilitating Goals of Care at the End-of-Life

Karen Stanley, RN, MSN AOCN, FAAN, Deborah Ferretti, RN, Kate McEvoy, JD

12:00 Noon – 12:45pm: Networking Lunch, Exhibits

12:45 pm to 1:15pm

Unmet Needs of CT End-of-Life Health Care Providers: CT Cancer Partnership and CT Coalition End-of-Life Survey Results

Dena Schulman-Green PhD

1:25-2:25pm

Breakout sessions:

a. *Addressing Spiritual Issues at the End-of-Life*
Rabbi Steven Steinberg, Chaplain Daniel Petronella, Iman Bilal Bansari; Facilitator: Chaplain Barbara Morrison

b. *Reflections on Personal Experiences: Improving Conversation in Pediatric Palliative Care*
Leonard Comeau, MD, Eileen O'Shea DNP RN; Robin Kernick RN BSN

c. *Psychiatric Pearls: Causes and Consequences of Complicated Grief*
Richard O'Sullivan, MD

2:25-2:40: Break, Exhibits

2:40-3:40: *Self-care for End-of-Life Caregivers*

Michael Baime, MD

3:40-4:00

Closing remarks, evaluations, Certificates

Faculty

Imam Bilal Ansari. Islamic Chaplain, Hartford Seminary
Michael Baime, MD. Director, Penn Program for Mindfulness

Leonard Comeau, MD. Attending Physician, Critical Care Medicine, CT Children's Medical Center.

Robin Kanarek, RN, BSN. President, Kanarek Family Foundation.

Kate McEvoy JD. Deputy Director, Agency on Aging of South Central CT, Inc.

Deborah Ferretti RN, Nurse Practitioner, Palliative Care, Hospital of Central Connecticut, New Britain.

Chaplain Barbara Morrison. Hospital of St. Raphael.

Sean O'Mahony MB BCH BAO. Medical Director, Palliative Care Services, Montefiore Hospital, Bronx, NY.

Eileen O'Shea DNP, MSN BSN. Assistant Professor, Fairfield University School of Nursing.

Richard O'Sullivan, MD. Principal Psychiatrist, Western Connecticut Mental Health Center.

Chaplain Daniel Petronella. Director of Pastoral Services, UCONN Health Center.

Dena Schulman-Green PhD. Research Scientist, Yale School of Nursing.

Lawrence Solomon, MD. Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, Yale Medical School.

Karen Stanley, RN MSN AOCN FAAN. Program Manager, Pain and Palliative Care Service, Stamford Hospital.

Rabbi Steven Steinberg. Chaplain, Hospital of St. Raphael.

Continuing Education

Nurses: Application has been submitted to the Yale School of Nursing (YSN) for approval of nursing continuing education credit (Contact Hours). YSN is an approved provider of Continuing Nursing Education by the Connecticut Nurses' Association, an Accredited Approver by the American Nurses' Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Physicians: Application has been submitted to the Hospital of St. Raphael for approval of physician continuing medical education credits (CMEs). Hospital of St. Raphael is accredited by the Connecticut State Medical Society to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians.

Pharmacists: Application has been submitted to the Connecticut Commission of Pharmacy for approval of continuing medical education credits.

Social Workers: Application has been submitted to National Association for Social Work/CT for Social Work continuing education credits (CEC).

Registration

To register and pay online go to: www.ctendoflifecare.org. Download and fill out registration form and email to info@ctendoflifecare.org. A PayPal invoice will be sent to you.

Or complete the form below and mail with registration fee made out to: **Connecticut Coalition to Improve End of Life Care**

Organization/Business: _____

Address _____

Attendee 1: _____ Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone # _____

Select one: ___Session A___Session B___Session C

Attendee 2: _____ Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

Select one: ___Session A___Session B___Session C

CNA RN/APRN MD RPh SW
Chaplain Admin Funeral Dir Other

Conference fee includes lunch & breaks

\$115 members
\$50 students
\$160 non-members
\$140 Conference Special includes 2010 CTEOL membership (\$50 value)

Amount Enclosed: _____

Please mail completed registration form by April 15:

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<http://www.albertus.edu/why-amc/our-campus/campus-map.html>