WV Palliative Care Network Grand Rounds
Audio Conference Series

Series Description – Palliative care is an emerging specialty that seeks to improve quality of life for patients facing serious illness and their families. It functions in an interdisciplinary fashion to manage the burden of physical, psychological, social, and spiritual suffering with a family-centered focus across the full spectrum of patient experiences and care settings. Palliative care consultation teams have been shown to improve outcomes for patients and families. The growing literature on the benefits of palliative care consultation demonstrates that in addition to improved clinical care and patient, family, and physician satisfaction, these programs are associated with considerable reductions in medical costs. Palliative care is appropriate at any age and at any stage of a disease process. The growth of the number of people living with advanced and complex chronic illnesses, the documented inadequacies in care quality, and the increases in expenditures highlight the need for more efficient models such as palliative care consultation teams that deliver quality services to complex patient populations.

Objectives – Following this series, participants should be able to: identify patients who are appropriate for a palliative care consultation; explain how an interdisciplinary palliative care team can help facilitate communication with seriously ill patients and their families; discuss advanced strategies for pain and symptom management; and justify the creation of palliative care teams to improve quality and reduce medical costs of end-of-life care.

Target Audience - This series is appropriate for physicians, nurses, social workers, chaplains, attorneys, and others involved in palliative care who wish to expand their knowledge and skills.

Series Schedule (12:00-1:00 pm)

September 14, 2011 – “I’m not going to pull the plug on her.”
Moderator - Alvin H. Moss, MD – Medical Director, Supportive Care Services, WVU Hospitals
Deborah Cotes, DO – Medical Director, Palliative Care Services, Charleston Area Medical Center
Gina L. Diddle, RN, MSN, FNP-BC – Nurse Practitioner, Palliative Care Services, Charleston Area Medical Center
Ravi J. Isaiah, DMin – Director of Pastoral Care Services, Charleston Area Medical Center
Sandra A. Price, JD – Risk Manager, Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center, Morgantown, WV

November 16, 2011 - “Fine Tuning the POST System: The Case of an Invalid, Contradictory POST Form
Moderator - Alvin H. Moss, MD – Medical Director, Supportive Care Services, WVU Hospitals
Evan Falkenstine – Data Manager, WV e-Directive Registry
Cindy Jamison – Program Coordinator, WV Center for End-of-Life Care
Sandra A. Price, JD – Risk Manager, Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center, Morgantown, WV

January 11, 2012 - TBA
March 21, 2012 - TBA

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Series Credits
This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of the WVU School of Medicine and the WV Center for End-of-Life Care. The WVU School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The WVU Office of CME designates this live activity for a maximum of 4 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

One hour credit will be awarded for each session attended.

This continuing education activity has been provided by the West Virginia University School of Nursing for 1.2 contact hours per session. The West Virginia University School of Nursing is an approved provider of continuing education by the State of West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses, Legislative Rule § 19CSR11-4 under provider number WV1996-0120RN.

This series is sponsored by the Center for Health Ethics and Law, Provider Number 490095, which is a West Virginia Certified Provider of continuing education credits for social workers. This program has been awarded up to 1 hour of continuing education credit per session. Please consult your state licensing board for limits on CE hours for other than “face-to-face” programs.

All those in a position to control content of this program have indicated that they have no significant interests to disclose.

Registration Form
This audio conference series is supported in part through funding from the WV Department of Health and Human Resources. There is no registration or CE credit fee, however, you must register to receive dial in instructions, handouts, and CE credit. Since there is no charge for these audio conferences, we are asking facilities to participate as a group from a central conference area and use only one phone line. Please complete the form below and fax or mail by 4:00 p.m. on the registration deadline. Detailed call instructions, handouts, evaluations and CE request forms will be sent via e-mail or fax after registration has been received.

Registration Information (please PRINT clearly)

Send individual registration forms for each person participating or a roster with this information if registering for a group.

Please indicate which course date(s) you plan to attend (registration deadline):
( ) September 14, 2011 (registration deadline September 5)
( ) November 16, 2011 (registration deadline November 7)
( ) January 11, 2012 (registration deadline January 3)
( ) March 21, 2012 (registration deadline March 12)

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How would you like to receive the call instructions, handouts, evaluations and CE request forms?
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*This person will receive call instructions and handouts for a group.

FAX or E-Mail this form to the WV Center for End-of-Life Care by the registration deadlines above.

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