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Supportive Care Coalition E-News is provided as a service to health care professionals. The Coalition is comprised of 19 Catholic health organizations dedicated to advancing excellence in palliative care and end-of-life care within their own systems and throughout the nation. Our members operate health care facilities in 48 states. Please visit us on the web at www.supportivecarecoalition.org.

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date!

The Supportive Care Coalition and Catholic Health Association are pleased to present *Recovering Our Traditions*, our fourth national Congress on palliative care scheduled for **October 28-30, 2010** in St. Louis.

Watch for more details coming soon to the Coalition web site. See you in St. Louis!

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NEWS

News from the Supportive Care Coalition

SCC Executive Director, Sister Karin Dufault, visited Coalition member Bon Secours Health System on May 7 to present at three of their facilities during Spiritual Ground Rounds. Her presentation, "Nurturing Hope: Our Call and Our Covenant as Health Professionals", was sponsored by Spiritual Care Services in honor of Nurses Week and was well received by attendees.

Our Spring/Summer Supportive Voice publication will be mailed in early June. The focus in this upcoming issue is *Perspectives on Quality*. This publication is free to member systems and distributed through board members to interested individuals within their systems. If you would like to be added to the Supportive Voice mailing list, please contact [Carol River](#). A minimum donation of \$15 is suggested for non-members. The issues are also available [online](#) subsequent to publication.

Other News

[National Consensus Project \(NCP\) Clinical Practice Guidelines for Quality Palliative Care – Second Edition](#)

The second edition of the NCP Clinical Practice Guidelines for Quality Palliative Care was unveiled at the annual assembly of HPNA/AAHPM. The Supportive Care Coalition has endorsed the second edition. Other supporting organizations are listed on the [NCP web site](#). The Guidelines can be downloaded from the [NCP web site](#).

[Children's Project on Palliative/Hospice Services \(ChiPPS\)](#) and [NHPCO's Standards for Pediatric Palliative Care and Hospice](#)

NHPCO has released its first set of standards for pediatric palliative care and hospice. Developed by NHPCO and ChiPPS, the standards address the needs of young people and families facing serious and life-limiting sickness. To understand the importance of pediatric palliative and hospice care, NHPCO and ChiPPS released a document with facts and figures on pediatric end-of-life care. Download "[Facts & Figures on Pediatric Palliative Care and Hospice](#)." (PDF)

OPPORTUNITIES

[National Palliative Care Registry](#)

The Registry was created by CAPC and the NPCRC to help standardize structures and processes of care and demonstrate the reach and impact of palliative care in the nation's hospitals and beyond. This is a key step toward ensuring the long-term quality and sustainability of palliative care in the U.S. health care system. Register and receive a premium listing in the www.getpalliativecare.org Provider Directory. Your listing will be highlighted and will have more complete information than a regular listing.

[6th International Conference on Clinical Ethics Consultation \(ICCEC\) – Call for Abstracts](#)

Conference hosted by [Providence Center for Health Care Ethics](#)

Deadline for abstracts is September 1, 2009

Conference dates: May 11-14, 2010; **Location:** Portland, Oregon

The [ICCEC series](#) was founded by George Agich, PhD and Professor Dr. Stella Reiter-Theil to fill the significant gap that they perceived in the field between the explosion of clinical ethics, ethics committees, and ethics consultation services around the world and the relative lack of critical and academic discussion of the many practical, institutional, and ethical issues associated with this work.

[GWish Needs Assessment for Educational and Clinical Materials in Spirituality and Health](#)

With support from the [Archstone Foundation](#), the [GW Institute for Spirituality and Health \(GWish\)](#) and the [City of Hope \(COH\)](#) are partners on a project to improve the quality of spiritual care at the end of life. Clinicians, educators, and professionals working or studying in healthcare, healthcare education, spiritual care, and palliative care, are invited to complete a 10-minute [survey](#).

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[World Hospice and Palliative Care Day with Voices for Hospices](#) – October 10, 2009
World Hospice and Palliative Care Day is a unified day of action to celebrate and support hospice and palliative care around the world. The theme for World Day 2009 is *Discovering Your Voice*. Every year approximately 70 countries take part in the celebrations with activities including public awareness raising campaigns, advocacy with policy makers, fundraising events and public launches. Visit the “[get involved](#)” page for more information or to register your event.

RESOURCES

[NHPCO's Public Policy and Advocacy Resource Page](#)

Check out this new resource offered by NHPCO, which includes an advocacy news room, advocacy tools, hospice on Capitol Hill, member resources, legislative action center, and [advocacy tip of the week](#).

[Duke Institute on Care at the End of Life Resources](#) - A wide variety of resources are available from Duke ICEOL, such as their soon to be released [Faith Leader Toolkit](#). A recent Duke Institute on Care at the End of Life (ICEOL) survey of more than 900 clergy from across the country confirmed what anecdotal evidence suggested: Clergy want and need more information and resources on serious illness, end-of-life care and grief to better support their congregations. Although nearly two-thirds of respondents identified educational programs related to these topics as key to improving congregational care, less than 20% of congregations have such programs in place. Among the survey's other findings, only 39% of clergy indicated they are “very comfortable” training or organizing lay leaders to provide support for meeting the spiritual needs of parishioners with serious illness. View the [survey results](#).

[Duke ICEOL Annotated Bibliography of Articles on Spirituality at the End of Life](#) (PDF)

[End of Life / Palliative Education Resource Center \(EPERC\)](#) – *Advancing End of Life Care Through an Online Community of Educational Scholars*

EPERC's complete database of Peer Reviewed Educational Materials is located at [www.aahpm.org/resources](#). Visit the AAHPM web site to search for Fast Facts, peer-reviewed and other educational materials, and to submit new materials.

[Get Palliative Care.org](#)

Getpalliativecare.org provides clear, comprehensive palliative care information for people coping with serious, complex illness. Key components of the site include a [Palliative Care Directory of Hospitals](#), a definition of palliative care, and a detailed description of what palliative care is and how it is different from hospice. It also provides an interactive questionnaire to assist people in determining whether palliative care is appropriate for them or their loved-ones. The site is provided by the Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC).

[Family Caregiver Alliance®: National Center on Caregiving](#)

FCA is a public voice for caregivers providing information, education, services, research and advocacy to support and sustain the important work of families nationwide caring for loved ones with chronic, disabling health conditions.

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READINGS

[Quality of Death - End of Life Care in America: Inside Out](#) (includes streaming video)

Produced by Wbur.org – "Boston's NPR News Source"

"In this new documentary about end of life care in America special correspondent Rachel Gotbaum investigates what prevents many patients from having a dignified death. From well-intentioned but maybe unwarranted medical interventions, to the pressure from family members, to the difficult decisions doctors – who are trained to extend survival – have to make when treating elderly patients, this program delves into the challenges in America of proper end of life planning and a 'respectful death.'"

<http://www.insideout.org/documentaries/qualityofdeath/default.asp>

[AAHPM responds to FDA action to pull opioid analgesics off the market](#)

As a result of concerns from the palliative care community, the FDA released a [press release](#) on April 9, 2009 regarding an interim plan to avoid shortage of medically necessary opioids.

[Providing Palliative Care in the Pediatric Population: An Expert Interview With Sarah Friebert, MD](#) <http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/590525>

To learn more about the young and growing specialty of pediatric palliative care, Medscape Nursing interviewed Sarah Friebert, MD, a pediatric palliative-care expert and a researcher who participated in a multicenter study—one of the first to describe demographic and clinical characteristics and outcomes of patients who receive pediatric palliative care—that was presented at the AAHPM/HPNA meeting (March 2009).

[Patient Involvement in Decisions to Limit Treatment: The Crucial Role of Agreement Between Physician and Patient](#)

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The Supportive Care Coalition and Catholic Health Association are pleased to present . . .

Recovering Our Traditions

October 28-30, 2010

St. Louis Marriott Union Station



. . . a three-day conference focused on advancing knowledge and best practices in palliative and end-of-life care from the Catholic health ministry perspective. Members of our dynamic faculty include:

Sr. Peter Lillian DiMaria, O. Carm
Msgr. Charles Fahey
Sr. Margaret Farley, RSM, PhD
Betty Ferrell, PhD, RN
Michael Kearney, MD
Gary Malkin
Mary T. O'Neill, MA, BCC
Fr. Myles Sheehan, SJ, MD
Carol Taylor, PhD, RN
Joan Teno, MD
Martha Twaddle, MD

Continuing education credits in multiple disciplines are pending.

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[The Catholic Health Association of the United States 2009 Assembly](#)

In Our Hands: Changing Ourselves, Our Communities, Our Nation

With Keynote Speakers Nancy G. Brinker; Daniel P. Sulmasy, OFM, MD, PhD; Stan Brock; and Bob Schieffer.

June 6-8, 2009

Sheraton New Orleans

Two sessions of interest to palliative care professionals will be offered: *Palliative Care Across the Lifespan: Health Care Transitions for Adults with Pediatric Onset Illness* with presenters from St. Vincent Mercy Children's Hospital, Toledo, OH; and *Igniting Passion for Palliative Care Services with Boards and Medical Staff* presented by representatives of St. John's Regional Medical Center, Oxnard, CA. [Online Registration](#) is available.

[Palliative Care Leadership Centers™ \(PCLC\) Intensive Training and Yearlong Mentoring](#)

June 15-16, Core Course, [University of California, San Francisco](#)

July 15-17, Peds Course, [Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota](#)

July 22-24, Peds Course, [Akron Children's Hospital](#)

September 16-18, Core Course, [Fairview Health System](#)

September 17-18 or November 19-20, Core Course, [Mount Carmel Health System](#)

This is a sampling of available PCLC courses. Please see the [full course schedule](#) for complete information on training sites and dates.

[End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium \(ELNEC\) Core Train-The-Trainer Courses co-sponsored by HPNA](#)

[June 25-26, 2009, Minneapolis, MN](#)

[August 13-14, 2009, Orlando, FL](#)

[September 24-25, 2009, Boston, MA](#)

This ELNEC course is designed for staff who currently work in hospitals, hospices, palliative care facilities, clinics, long-term care facilities, homecare agencies, colleges and universities who want to increase their knowledge in end-of-life, palliative care issues. This is a "train-the-trainer" course and upon completion, you will be able to take this information back to your institution and teach others. Please see the [full course schedule](#) for information on upcoming Geriatric, Critical Care and Pediatric Palliative Care courses.

[Deep Inner States Awareness Training: Graduate Certificate in End-of-Life Care for Professional and Family Caregivers](#)

June 26-29, 2009, Portland, OR

Sponsored by Process Work Institute

This course focuses on developing your abilities to connect with patients in nonverbal states and to support communication with, and understanding for patients' experiences. It will present practical process-oriented coma work techniques which will enhance your skills for relating to loved ones and patients in out-of-ordinary states of consciousness, such as dementia, depression, autism, illness, vegetative states, coma and end-of-life states.

[GWish Summer Institute](#)

July 6-10, 2009, Washington, DC

Sponsored by George Washington University

The Summer Institute on Spirituality & Health Care is designed for health care practitioners and clinicians of all disciplines, administrators, educators, and others working with patients and families. The Institute is comprised of two tracks: Practice Development and Leadership Development. Participants may take one or both programs.

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[4th Annual Promoting Excellence in Pain Management & Palliative Care for Social Workers](#)

July 31, 2009, Duarte, CA

Sponsored by the City of Hope

This award-winning annual course welcomes psychosocial care professionals on two educational tracks so that both new and returning attendees will have customized learning opportunities for skill-building and networking. This year's featured speaker is Mercedes Bern-Klug, MSW, PhD, a Hartford Geriatric Social Work Faculty Scholar from the University of Iowa.

[18th Annual Pain Resource Nurse \(PRN\) Course](#)

September 2-4, 2009, Duarte, CA

Sponsored by the City of Hope

The PRN course is designed to educate nurses in pain management and prepare nurses or institutions to develop the role of the Pain Resource Nurse. The course includes identifying current issues in acute, chronic and non-pharmacologic pain management; identifying issues in pain management for pediatric, elderly and other at risk populations; and extending pain education at your institution. With guest speaker Chris Pasero, MS, RN, FAAN.

[National Association for Home Care & Hospice 28th Annual Meeting & Exposition and The Fourth World Congress on Home Care & Hospice](#)

October 10-14, 2009, Los Angeles Convention Center

The members of NAHC will meet to discuss events and issues, and chart a path for the future.

[Advocating for Clinical Excellence \(ACE Project\)](#)

October 13-16, 2009, Pasadena, CA

Sponsored by City of Hope (project funded by NCI)

The ACE Project is accepting applications for their fourth and final annual course. The primary aim of this innovative psycho-oncology educational initiative is to improve the delivery of palliative care by psychologists, social workers and spiritual care professionals through an intensive advocacy and leadership training program.

Application deadline is June 20, 2009!

[Center to Advance Palliative Care National Level I / II Seminar: Innovative Solutions for Tomorrow's Palliative Care Program](#)

October 22-24, 2009, Atlanta, GA

Omni Hotel at CNN Center

The second annual CAPC National Level I / II Seminar is designed to help you develop solutions to your program's specific issues and challenges. In addition to focusing on core operational elements that are integral to program success and sustainability, every seminar offers new cutting-edge content and topics. The seminar's highly interactive format gives you multiple opportunities to garner the expertise of faculty and peers.

[Respecting Choices®: An Advance Care Planning System That Works](#)

[Online Courses](#)

The Respecting Choices Organization and Community Advance Care Planning Course is a comprehensive curriculum designed to help groups design effective advance care planning systems and to provide competent advance care planning facilitators for their organization or community.

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Supportive Care Coalition Member Systems (with location of main administrative offices)

Ascension Health	St. Louis, MO
Bon Secours Health System	Marriottsville, MD
The Catholic Health Association of the United States	St. Louis, MO
Catholic Health East	Newtown Square, PA
Catholic Health Initiatives	Denver, CO
Catholic Healthcare Partners	Cincinnati, OH
CHRISTUS Health	Irving, TX
Covenant Health Systems	Lexington, MA
Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System	Baton Rouge, LA
OSF HealthCare	Peoria, IL
PeaceHealth	Bellevue, WA
Provena Health	Mokena, IL
Providence Health & Services	Renton, WA
Sisters of Charity Health System	Cleveland, OH
Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health System	Lenexa, KS
Sisters of Mercy Health System	Chesterfield, MO
SSM Health Care	St. Louis, MO
St. Joseph Health System	Orange, CA
Trinity Health	Novi, MI

Contribute to Supportive Care Coalition E-News

Items of interest to palliative care practitioners are welcome and may be submitted to [Carol River](#) for possible inclusion in this E-News publication.

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Our Mission

*We are a coalition of Catholic health ministries,
informed by our faith and values,
which through knowledge transfer, advocacy, and partnerships,
advances excellence in palliative care.*

Our Vision

We envision a society in which all persons living with or affected by a chronic or life threatening condition receive compassionate, holistic, coordinated care. This will include relief of pain, suffering and other symptoms from the time of diagnosis throughout the process of living and dying. Such excellent care will be provided according to need, respecting the values and goals of individuals, their families and other loved ones. It will assist them to live fully in community and will support survivors in their bereavement. Through such care, we believe that God's healing love is revealed.

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