

2009 End-Of-Life Nursing Education Consortium Core Training Modules

The Hospice Education Network and ELNEC are pleased to offer online subscription access to eight ELNEC modules presented by ELNEC faculty, each experts in end-of-life care. This online format allows 24/7 unlimited viewing of lectures and supplemental materials for all staff from any computer with internet access for one year. The modules are part of the nationally recognized ELNEC Core Trainings that are provided across the country by individuals who have completed the ELNEC Train-The-Trainer program.



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Module 1: INTRO: PALLIATIVE CARE NURSING - Polly Mazanec, RN, MS, APRN, BC, AOCN

The purpose of this presentation is to describe the role of the nurse in providing quality palliative care for patients across the lifespan. A description of the philosophy and principles of hospice and palliative care will be reviewed so this care can be integrated across settings to effect quality care at the end of life.

Module 2: PAIN MANAGEMENT - Judith Paice, PhD, RN, FAAN

This presentation reviews basic principles of pain assessment and management with a focus on pain at the end of life. Comprehensive pain assessment is essential to adequate pain relief. Yet, there are many barriers that impede pain assessment and treatment. It is vital that nurses work collaboratively with the patient, their family and the interdisciplinary group toward optimum use of drug and non-drug interventions. Treatment of pain at the end of life includes attention to suffering.

Module 3: SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT - Patrick Coyne, MSN, APRN, ACHPN, FAAN

This presentation reviews common symptoms associated with end-of-life processes for patients across the lifespan. Potential causes as well as assessment and interventions that can prevent or diminish symptoms will also be presented.

Module 4: ETHICAL / LEGAL ISSUES - Betty Ferrell, PhD, RN, FAAN

The purpose of this presentation is to discuss ethical issues and dilemmas that may arise in palliative care and to describe specific roles of the nurse in ethical decision-making. In addition, an application of ethical principles that are utilized in addressing palliative care dilemmas will be included as a review of models for case analysis and use of ethics committees.

Module 5: CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS - Betty Ferrell, PhD, RN, FAAN

The purpose of this presentation is to identify dimensions of culture and the influence of culture on palliative care for patients across the life span. In addition, a review of various beliefs regarding death and dying in a multitude of different cultures will be discussed.

Module 6: COMMUNICATION - Pam Malloy, RN, MN, OCN

Communication is the foundation of excellent palliative care. Good pain and symptom assessment management are dependent on excellent communication. It is vital that all members of the IDG communicate well with each other, as well as with the patient and his/her family. Communication includes verbal and non-verbal messages. Listening and "bearing witness" are important aspects of communication.

Module 7: LOSS, GRIEF, & BEREAVEMENT Polly Mazanec, RN, MS, APRN, BC, AOCN

The purpose of this presentation is to define loss, mourning, grief, and bereavement and to describe the tasks of grief and factors that may significantly affect the grief process. In addition, a discussion of personal death awareness and cumulative loss associated with professional care-giving will be reviewed.

Module 8: FINAL HOURS - Judith Paice, PhD, RN, FAAN

The actual time of death creates unique issues beyond those encountered during the course of illness. Care at this time demands attention to physical, psychological, social, and spiritual needs of patients across life's span and the special needs of their families. Assessment by professionals of their own experiences caring for patients at the time of death is helpful to strengthen professional effectiveness.

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