LOCATION
William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
100 Friday Center Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

DATE
Friday, June 23, 2017

REGISTRATION PROGRAM
7:30 am–8:30 am
8:30 am–3:00 pm (lunch provided)

FEE
$10.00

DESCRIPTION
Palliative Care is at a critical juncture with the transformative process reshaping our healthcare system. There is growing consensus about the value and importance of integrating palliative care within any serious illness, yet there is still a lack of access to palliative care resources in many settings. There is also a great need for integrating palliative care discussions within the communities and rural settings.

This conference brings together presenters and participants with the aim of advancing a common understanding and a level of expertise in palliative care, throughout the healthcare continuum and in community settings. Join us as we seek to promote a better understanding of what palliative care is; to explore best practice approaches in different settings and to foster professional reflection and sharing.

AUDIENCE
Physicians, oncology nurse navigators, advanced practice nurses, administrators, care coordinators, fellows, medical students, nursing students, patient navigators, community health workers, case managers, hospice professionals, patient advocates, community ambassadors, community educators, social workers, lay health advisors, lay patient navigators and peer supporters.

OBJECTIVES
Upon completion of this knowledge-based activity, the participant will be able to:

• Describe various communication approaches in palliative care including those related to spiritual, cultural or ethical aspects
• Identify and discuss various modality of palliative care services across the healthcare continuum

PROGRAM AGENDA

7:30–8:30 Registration and Networking Breakfast
8:30–8:45 Welcome and Introductions
8:45–9:45 Navigating Palliative Care in Health Systems and the Community — Stacy Fischer, MD, Associate Professor
9:45–10:00 Break and Networking
10:00–11:15 Potential Strategic Roles of Patient Navigators Population Based Approaches to Palliative Care — David Casarett, MD, MA Integration and Delivery of Palliative Care in Cancer Care — Gary Winzelberg, MD Management/Prevention of Symptoms and Treatment of Toxicities — Jennifer Gabbard, MD
11:15–11:45 Break, Networking and Pick Up Lunch
11:45–12:45 The Changing Conversation Around Palliative Care — Marie A. Bakitas, DNSc, NP-C, FAAN, Professor
12:45–1:00 Break and Networking
1:00–1:50 Breakout Sessions
A. Enhancing Quality of Care: Decision Aids for End of Life Discussions — Vicki McLawhorn, DNP, FNP-BC
B. Engaging Communities to Understand Palliative Care and Hospice Care — Carol Meyer, CEO and Marisette Hasan, RN, BSN
C. Stakeholder Engagement Session on Financial Related Navigation — Stephanie Wheeler, PhD and Donald Rosenstein, MD
1:50–2:05 Break and Networking
2:05–2:55 Breakout Sessions (repeat)
D. Enhancing Quality of Care: Decision Aids for End of Life Discussions — Vicki McLawhorn, DNP, FNP-BC
E. Engaging Communities to Understand Palliative Care and Hospice Care — Carol Meyer, CEO and Marisette Hasan, RN, BSN
F. Stakeholder Engagement Session on Financial Related Navigation — Stephanie Wheeler, PhD and Donald Rosenstein, MD
3:00 Closing Remarks

Jointly provided by MAHEC, the NC Oncology Navigator Association and the NC Cancer Prevention and Control Branch.
FACULTY

Dr. Stacy Fischer is an Associate Professor in the Division of General Internal Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Her clinical experiences have included working in a community clinic affiliated with Denver Health, a safety net hospital, serving as a medical director of home care with a large Denver hospice and currently working on the inpatient palliative care consult service at the University of Colorado Hospital. She also chairs the board of the Ray of Hope Cancer Foundation—providing emergency financial assistance to Colorado cancer patients in need.

David Casarett, MD, MA, is a palliative care physician and health sciences researcher whose work focuses on improving systems of care for people with serious, life-threatening illnesses. He is a professor of Medicine at Duke University and the Chief of Palliative Care in Duke Health. Dr. Casarett is the author of more than 100 articles in journals including JAMA and The New England Journal of Medicine. His writing has appeared in print and online, such as Salon, Esquire, Discover, Newsweek, the New York Times and Wired. He is a recipient of the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers—the highest honor given by the US government to researchers in the early stages of their careers. Dr. Casarett is also the author of three non-fiction books, the most recent of which is Stoned: A Doctor’s Case for Medical Marijuana, published in 2015 by Penguin Random House.

Dr. Gary Winzelberg is an Associate Professor in the Division of Geriatric Medicine and Palliative Care Program at the UNC School of Medicine. He also directs the Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship Program. Dr. Winzelberg has received a Brookdale National Fellowship and a Geriatric Academic Career Award. He trained at Dartmouth Medical School, trained in Internal Medicine at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, and completed fellowships in Geriatric Medicine at Harvard Medical School and in the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program at the University at Washington. His teaching focuses on improving physician end-of-life care communication skills, particularly with families of incapacitated patients.

Dr. Jennifer Gabbard is an Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine within the Section of Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine at Wake Forest University, School of Medicine; associate program director of the Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship Program and director of the outpatient supportive care oncology clinic. She also serves on the faculty for the Medicine and People in Society (MAPS) course. Her clinical interests include integration of early palliative care into the management of multimorbidity and malignancy in the outpatient and home setting, clinical care of comorbid chronically ill and frail older adults both chronically and during acute illness, along with a strong emphasis on medical education.

Dr. Marie Bakitas’ scholarly work has focused on conducting pain and symptom management and palliative care interventions to improve the quality of life and care for those with serious, life-limiting illnesses and their families through improved management of distressing physical symptoms. Dr. Bakitas has participated in 27 funded research grants and served as principal investigator of 12. In 1998, Dr. Bakitas was a co-investigator and project director of a Robert Wood Johnson-funded demonstration project, called Project ENABLE, which led to the creation of the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center Palliative Care Consultation Service and an NIH-NCI-funded randomized clinical trial testing the introduction of a palliative care intervention at the time of a new diagnosis of advanced cancer. Dr. Bakitas is the Marie L. O’Koren Endowed Chair and Professor at the UAB School of Nursing and holds a secondary faculty appointment in the UAB School of Medicine.

Vicki McLawhorn, DNP, FNP-BC, is a medicare-enrolled Family Nurse Practitioner in Greenville, North Carolina. She went to East Carolina University School Of Medicine and graduated in 1999. She has 18 years of diverse experience with area of expertise as Nurse Practitioner and is a member of the group practice Vidant Medical Group LLC.

Carol Meyer, MBA, is President/CEO of The Carolinas Center for Hospice Care. The Carolinas Center is a 2-state nonprofit organization representing hospice and palliative care providers in NC and SC. Carol is an experienced nonprofit and association leader, working to build high performing teams that understand delivering member value. She is interested in bringing more technology solutions to the work of the association. Carol serves on the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization’s Public Policy Committee and is an active collaborator with organizations both in the Carolinas and nationally.

Marisette Hasan, RN, BSN, began her role as Vice President for SC Operations in 2014 following a career in healthcare and hospice. As an oncology nurse in 1981, she soon discovered a love for caring for her patients in a holistic manner and throughout the continuum of their illness. Hospice was a perfect fit. Marisette’s hospice experience began in 1985 and she has served in various roles—from nurse to administrator—with hospital programs, independent community programs and for-profit as well as non-profit agencies. She has also served on the TGC Board of Directors. Marisette works hand-in-hand with hospice and palliative care providers, helping them maintain relevance in a changing environment and engage in collaborative partnerships to advance hospice and palliative care in South Carolina.

Stephanie B. Wheeler, PhD, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health. She serves as a departmental resource for simulation modeling, ‘big data’ analyses, comparative effectiveness research (CER), and cancer outcomes and disparities-focused research. Using her expertise in handling and analyzing complex datasets, Dr. Wheeler’s funded research has used SEER-Medicare data, state cancer registry data linked to all payer claims data, Carolina Breast Cancer Study (CBCS) cohort data and healthcare workforce data, among other datasets. Her research and passions lie in the elimination of health disparities and the improvement of access to care for vulnerable populations, particularly as applied to breast, colorectal, ovarian and cervical cancer care and reproductive/sexual healthcare.

Dr. Donald Rosenstein is Director of the UNC Comprehensive Cancer Support Program with joint appointments in the Departments of Psychiatry and Medicine. He also serves as Vice-Chair for the Division of Hospital Psychiatry. The Comprehensive Cancer Support Program provides mental health services to on and off campus oncology patients with a wide range of educational, medical, psychiatric and psycho-social services. Dr. Rosenstein came to UNC from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) where he was Clinical Director of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) and the Chief of the Psychiatry Consultation-Liaison Service. He is the current President of the American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS).

Medical Course Director: Thomas C. Shea, MD

CREDITS

Continuing Medical Education

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REGISTRATION

Registration fee is $10.00. Registration fee includes administrative costs, educational materials and lunch.

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From Durham: Take I-85 South to 15-501. Take I-40 East to Exit 273 and follow the directions above.

From Raleigh: Take I-40 to Exit 273A (Hwy 54 West/Chapel Hill). Proceed approximately two miles and turn left onto Friday Center Drive. Take the second right into the Friday Center parking area. Guest parking is on the left; the Friday Center is on the right.

From points south of Chapel Hill, arriving on Hwy 15-501 N: Take the 15-501/54 East bypass as you approach Chapel Hill. Proceed approximately two miles and take the Hwy 54 East exit toward Raleigh. Proceed one mile and turn right onto Friday Center Drive. Take the second right into the Friday Center parking area. Guest parking is on the left; the Friday Center is on the right.

HAVE A QUESTION?
Contact the Program Planner
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SESSION SELECTION: Please choose one topic for each time slot.

Breakout Sessions 1:00–1:50
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Breakout Sessions 2:05–2:55
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