

The Future of End-of-Life Care

Celebrating the Past

Understanding the Present

Planning for the Future

October 22-23, 2002, Hyatt Regency, Wichita, KS
Presented by the Kansas LIFE Project

Tentative Agenda Day 1

October 22

8:00 Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00 Opening Comments

9:30 ~~~ *Looking Back and Looking Ahead: Where Do We Go From Here?*

Keynote Speaker: Mary Labyak, MSSW/LCSW, Executive Director, The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast, Largo, FL

How Americans live and die has changed radically during the last century. During the past decade, increasing attention has been given to the care we receive as we near the end of life. This attention comes from every segment of the healthcare community, public policy leaders and from consumers themselves.

Objectives:

- Review the history of dying in America
- Describe the advent of the modern end-of-life movement
- Discuss core values of patient-directed care
- Provide examples of living and dying well
- Identify opportunities for increasing personal meaning for healthcare professionals
- Encourage the transformation of healthcare organizations and systems

10:45 Break

11:00 ~~~ *Palliative and End-of-Life Care: The Big Picture*

Keynote Speaker: Dan Tobin, MD, Director, Center for Advanced Illness Coordinated Care and The Life Institute, Albany, NY

This session will focus on examining palliative and end-of-life care in the context of current cultural and conventional health care systems. The opportunity to integrate palliative care concepts into routine medical practice will be explored. Opportunities as well as obstacles for improving end of life care will be presented.

Objectives:

- Review the history of modern palliative and end of life care
- Discuss cultural fears of dying literature
- List examples of successful palliative care program integration into conventional medicine
- Discuss demographic composition of baby boomer generation.

12:00 ~~~ *Celebrating Our Accomplishments*

The October 22 luncheon will be a time of special celebration, recognition of and thanks for the ongoing efforts of LIFE Project Partners.

1:00 ~~~ *“Every Kansan Should Expect Good Pain Management”--The Kansas Commitment to Good Pain Management*

Introduction and Facilitation: Gary Doolittle, MD, Director, Telemedicine Services, University of Kansas Medical Center, and Chair, LIFE Project Professional Education Task Group, and **Bob Twillman, PhD**, President-Elect, American Alliance of Cancer Pain Initiatives, and Director, Pain Management Program, University of Kansas Medical Center

Representatives from the following organizations have been invited to participate:

- Kansas State Board of Healing Arts
- Kansas State Board of Nursing
- Kansas State Board of Pharmacy
- Kansas Medical Society
- Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine
- Kansas State Nurses Association
- Kansas Pharmacists Association

LIFE Project Partners care about quality care and focus ongoing efforts on educating, encouraging and expecting good pain management for all Kansans.

Objectives:

- Provide an overview of emerging issues in pain management, including a perspective on public policy, professional standards of care and consumer rights
- Profile the status of pain management and end-of-life care in Kansas
- Demonstrate the commitment of the State of Kansas’ Licensing Boards and Health Care Professionals’ organizations

2:00 ~~~ *Tackling the Big Issues in EOL Care: What Will It Take?*
Mary Labyak, MSSW, LCSW

As we work to improve care, we face the challenges of addressing barriers and seizing opportunities that impact the quality of life for those nearing the end of life. This session will help to frame these barriers and opportunities and will provide guidance on both short-term and long-term action for improving excellence in care.

Objectives:

- Review the regulatory, cultural and societal trends that impact end-of-life care
- Discuss the current consumer revolution
- Guide participants in enhancing excellence in service
- Identify current barriers that limit organization’s ability to meet current and future needs and demands
- Evaluate organizational compatibility with new models
- Provide tools for development of action plans that minimize barriers and seize opportunities

3:00 **Break**

3:30 ~~~ *Glimmers on the Horizon: Emerging Models of Care*
Dan Tobin, MD

Too often, the “end of life” and “dying” are understood as the minutes, hours and days before death. Tremendous opportunities exist, however, to impact care much earlier in the lives of our citizens. This session will present examples of new palliative care and advanced illness coordinated care models. The session will also address some of the tough issues related to payment for services. Examples of insurance reimbursement for new end-of-life care models will be discussed. Successful new programs will be presented from the National VA experience, pediatric palliative care and the Advanced Illness Coordinated Care (AICC) program.

Objectives:

- Describe how insurance reimbursement for “pre-hospice” programs have been established
- Describe the Advanced Illness Coordinated Care program
- List outcomes from National VA Palliative Care surveys
- Describe new pediatric palliative care initiatives

4:30 **Closing Comments**