

2nd ANNUAL
U.S. CELEBRATION OF

World Hospice & Palliative Care Day

A Virtual Coming Together



LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND
EQUITY IN ACCESS TO PALLIATIVE CARE

OCTOBER 5, 2021

New York (ET): 7:45 AM-1:15 PM
California (PT): 4:45-10:15 AM
Africa (UST): 12:45-6:15 PM
India (IST): 6:15-11:45 PM

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New York (ET): 12:45-6:15 PM
California (PT): 9:45 AM-3:15 PM
Africa (UST): 5:45-11:15 PM
India (IST): 11:15 PM-4:45 AM (NEXT DAY)

Co-hosted by the **Supportive Care Service** and the
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences



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World Hospice and Palliative Care Day (WHPCD) is an annual unified day of action to celebrate and support hospice and palliative care around the world.

On WHPCD, we celebrate palliative care, showing the world how vital it is, and why we must make sure everyone has access, no matter where they live, who they love, what their age or their background.

The theme this year is:

Leave no-one behind - equity in access to palliative care

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#WHPCD21

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Overview

Access to palliative care is a human right and an integral component throughout the care continuum for patients with cancer and other serious illnesses. A multidisciplinary group of palliative care leaders at the forefront of research and clinical practice will present on diverse topics, including cultural humility, advocacy, complex communication needs, and ethical considerations.

Condensed over two half-days, this year's program includes:

- Special **breakout sessions** will include experts on spirituality and global leaders who are actively enhancing universal access to palliative care (selection made at registration).
- A highlight of this meeting will include dedicated sessions on the **patient experience** as well as the **caregiver experience**.
- A special **Schwartz Rounds** will facilitate a case-based open and honest discussion on the social and emotional issues health care workers face while caring for patients and families.
- Participants will engage in discussions on **bioethical dilemmas** and the **role of existential distress** for patients, caregivers, and health care workers.
- An overall theme to **promote advocacy and leadership** within the specialty will be featured throughout the meeting.

Who Should Attend

This program is focused on the care of seriously ill patients and is appropriate for national and international health care workers including and not limited to physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, social workers, chaplains, psychiatrists, psychologists, pharmacists, and patient advocates regardless of specialty palliative care or oncology experience.

Palliative care professionals residing in low and middle income countries, as well as palliative care students and trainees currently enrolled in a university program or completing a clinical fellowship or residency, are eligible for complimentary registration by emailing:
uswhapcday@mskcc.org

Learning Objectives

- Recognize health disparities in hospice and palliative care and actionable methods to promote social justice.
- Apply interdisciplinary approaches to address patient and family needs across the domains of palliative care to improve quality of life and alleviate serious health-related suffering.
- Discuss national and global advocacy efforts to promote universal access to palliative care.
- Describe innovations for effective communication with patients confronting life-limiting illness to provide high-quality serious illness and end-of-life care.
- Describe the ethical dilemmas encountered throughout the serious illness trajectory and employ best practices using interdisciplinary models.

Registration Fees

- Physicians (MDs, PhDs and DOs): **\$50**
- Nurses, PAs and Other Healthcare Professionals: **\$25**
- Palliative Care Professionals Residing in Low and Middle Income Countries, Students, Residents, and Fellows: **Complimentary***
- Industry Professionals: **\$85****

Discounts/Promotions

A registration discount is available for MSK Alumni, MSK Cancer Alliance, and Cancer Care Partners to attend a MSK CME course. If you are a member of one of these groups, contact cme@mskcc.org for details.

Registration is complimentary for all MSK employees; however, you must complete registration in order to attend this course.

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For additional details and course registration, visit:

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Schedule

All times listed on the schedule are **U.S. Eastern Time.**

DAY 1 (Tuesday, October 5)

7:45 AM Virtual Course Check-in

8:00 AM **Welcome and Orientation**
Billy Rosa, PhD, MBE, ACHPN, FAANP, FAAN
Judith Nelson, MD, JD
William Breitbart, MD, FACLP, DFAPA, FAPOS

1st Annual World Hospice and Palliative Care Day Lectureship

MODERATOR: Shila Pandey, MSN, AGPCNP-BC, ACHPN

8:15 AM **International Models of Excellence in Palliative Care**
Betty Ferrell, PhD, RN, FPCN, FAAN

9:00 AM Q&A and Discussion

9:15 AM Break

Invited Rapid Fire Talks: Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice

MODERATOR: Lauren Akua Koranteng, PharmD, BCPS

9:20 AM **Disparities in Oncologist-Patient Communication**
Cardinale B. Smith, MD, PhD

9:30 AM **Promoting Effective and Equitable Communication and Care with LGBTQ+ Home Hospice Patients and Caregivers: Considerations for Practice, Education, and Research**
Kristin G. Cloyes, PhD, MN, RN

9:40 AM **Disparity or Preference? Considering and Responding to Gaps in our Palliative Care Evidence Base**
Rebecca Wright, PhD, BSc (Hons), RN

9:50 AM **Centering Patient Perspectives: A Palliative Approach to Critical Conversations with African-Americans in the Wake of COVID-19**
Khaliyah A. Johnson, MD

10:00 AM **Palliative Care for Health Equity: Snapshots from India**
Smriti Rana, MSc

10:10 AM Q&A and Panel Discussion

Global Palliative Care Organizational Roundtable

MODERATOR: Billy Rosa, PhD, MBE, ACHPN, FAANP, FAAN

10:20 AM Katherine Pettus, PhD
International Association for Hospice & Palliative Care

10:30 AM Stephen R. Connor, PhD
Worldwide Hospice Palliative Care Alliance

10:40 AM Julia Downing, PhD, RGN
International Children's Palliative Care Network

10:50 AM Joan Marston, RN, MA
Palliative Care in Humanitarian Aid Situations and Emergencies

11:00 AM Q&A and Panel Discussion

11:20 AM Break

Patient-Clinician Conversation

MODERATOR: Andrew Epstein, MD

11:30 AM Andrew Epstein, MD and Patient

Advocacy Corner

MODERATOR: Laurie J. Andersen, BCC, D.Min

12:15 PM **National Advocacy Efforts-How National Organizations Are Collaborating for Impact**
Amy Melnick, MPA

12:45 PM Q&A and Discussion

1:00 PM **Closing Remarks**
Billy Rosa, PhD, MBE, ACHPN, FAANP, FAAN

1:15 PM Adjourn

DAY 2 (Wednesday, October 6)

12:45 PM Virtual Course Check-in

1:00 PM **Day 2 Welcome**
Billy Rosa, PhD, MBE, ACHPN, FAANP, FAAN

Visiting Virtual Schwartz Rounds

MODERATORS: Andrew Epstein, MD & Liz Blackler, MBE, LCSW-R

1:05 PM **How the Covid-19 Affected Us and Our Work - Feeling PTSD and Moving Forward**
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO PALLIATIVE CARE TEAM
Maurice "Scotty" Scott, MD
Hareklia "Harri" Brackett, RN, MS, CNS, ACHPN
Carolyn Fulton, LCSW
Angela Wibben, MM, MT-BC

1:50 PM Q&A and Panel Discussion

Breakout Sessions (selection made during registration)

2:05 PMS **OPTION A**
A Global Hospice & Palliative Care Fellowship Collaborative: Harvard, Tulane, & the University of California San Francisco
MODERATOR
Lauren Akua Koranteng, PharmD, BCPS

SPEAKERS
Marcia Glass, MD
Jessi Humphreys, MD
Mark J. Stoltenberg, MD, MPH, MA

Kayla Wolofsky, MD
Nauzley Abedini, MD, Msc

2:50 PM | Q&A and Panel Discussion

2:05 PM **OPTION B**
Patients' Diverse Spiritual Care Needs: An Interfaith Chaplain Panel
MODERATOR
Shila Pandey, MSN, AGPCNP-BC, ACHPN

SPEAKERS
Soren Ed Glassing, BFA
Imam Yusuf Hasan, BCC
Allison Kestenbaum, BCC-PCHAC, ACPE
The Rev Dr Laurie J. Andersen, D.Min., BCC

2:50 PM | Q&A and Panel Discussion

3:05 PM Break

Invited Rapid Fire Talks: Considerations Across the Spectrum of Hospice and Palliative Care

MODERATOR: Liz Blackler, MBE, LCSW-R

3:15 PM	Building a Framework for Existential Care: The intersection of Palliative Care and Psychedelic Research Yvan Beaussant, MD, MSc Elise Tarbi, PhD, MBE, AGPCNP-BC, ACHPN
3:25 PM	Resilience in the Aftermath of COVID Vicki Jackson, MD
3:35 PM	At the Crossroads of Bioethics, Cancer, and Palliative Care Louis Voigt, MD, MBE
3:45 PM	SGM Sensitivity Communication Skills Training for Oncology Care Providers: A Brief Overview Smita C. Banerjee, PhD Patricia A. Parker, PhD
3:55 PM	Q&A and Panel Discussion
4:15 PM	Break

Caregiver-Clinician Conversation

MODERATOR: Allison Applebaum, PhD

4:30 PM	Allison Applebaum, PhD and Caregiver
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Closing Keynote

MODERATOR: Billy Rosa, PhD, MBE, ACHPN, FAANP, FAAN

5:15 PM	Around the World - Global Hospice and Palliative Care Lukas Radbruch, MD
5:45 PM	Q&A and Discussion
6:00 PM	Closing Remarks and Thank You MSK COURSE PLANNING COMMITTEE Billy Rosa, PhD, MBE, ACHPN, FAANP, FAAN Shila Pandey, MSN, AGPCNP-BC, ACHPN Andrew Epstein, MD Laurie J. Andersen, BCC, D.Min Allison Applebaum, PhD Liz Blackler, MBE, LCSW-R Lauren Akua Koranteng, PharmD, BCPS
6:15 PM	Adjourn

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Course Faculty

We'd like to extend our sincerest gratitude to all the course faculty for donating their time in this program to promote accessibility and inclusion of the global palliative care community.



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Nausley Abedini, MD, Msc

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Dr. Nausley Abedini is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Gerontology and Geriatrics at the University of Washington and an alum of the University of California - San Francisco Global Palliative Educational Consortium (2019-2020). Her scholarly interests center on primary palliative care capacity building and health services research, including educational and research collaborations in Cambodia and Peru, and developing cross-cultural palliative care education interventions for palliative medicine fellows. Clinically, she attends on the Harborview Medical Center Palliative Care Consult and General Medicine services, which serve a large proportion of vulnerable/underserved populations in the Seattle area and 5 states. She is a former Fogarty Scholar (2012-2013), National Clinician Scholar (2017-2019), and participant in the inaugural University of Michigan Global Health Research Certificate Program (2017-2018). She completed medical school at the University of Michigan, residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Washington, and Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship at the University of California - San Francisco.



Laurie J. Andersen, BCC, D.Min

Palliative Care Chaplain
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
New York, NY

The **Rev. Dr. Laurie J. Andersen** is the Palliative Care Chaplain on the Supportive Care team at Memorial Sloan Kettering, NYC. Ordained in the E.L.C.A., she is a Board Certified Chaplain through APC and received her M. Div. at Union Theological Seminary and a Doctorate in Pastoral Counseling at Hebrew Union College, NYC. As a chaplain, Laurie has served patients and families of all faiths and those of no faith and a variety of spiritual self-expressions. Laurie is currently engaged in research and writing more about Spiritual Injury: when beliefs cause pain and sometimes feelings of utter abandonment at EOL. While Laurie believes deep listening and “presence with heart and both feet” is the most important chaplain role, Laurie is interested in how culture, socioeconomic situation, religion, race, sexual and gender identity, family role, and personality may be pertinent variables in understanding a patient’s spiritual distress. Laurie has spoken as a panelist in a variety of settings, including at the AAHPM Annual Conference, and last year’s World Hospice and Palliative Care Day. She has co-created two posters on Spiritual Injury virtually presented in 2020 at AAHPM, a topic in which she is currently engaged in research and writing. She has collaborated on a number of publications for *Journal of Palliative Medicine*, *Journal of Pain & Symptom Management*, and *Journal of Palliative Care*.



Allison Applebaum, PhD

Associate Attending Psychologist
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
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Associate Professor of Psychology in Psychiatry
Weill Cornell Medical College
New York, NY

Dr. Allison Applebaum is an Associate Attending Psychologist in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK), and an Assistant Professor of Psychology in Psychiatry at Weill Cornell Medical College. She is the Founding Director of the Caregivers Clinic at MSK, housed in the Counseling Center. The Caregivers Clinic is the first of its kind and provides comprehensive psychosocial care to family members and friends of patients who experience significant distress and burden as a result of their caregiving role. Dr. Applebaum's program of research focuses on the development and dissemination of psychosocial interventions for cancer caregivers, as well as understanding the impact of caregiver psychosocial wellbeing, prognostic awareness and communication skills on advanced care planning. She has published over 75 articles, reviews, and book chapters on these topics, and is the editor of the recently published textbook "Cancer Caregivers" by Oxford University Press. Dr. Applebaum has received competitive funding for her research, including awards from the National Cancer Institute, the American Cancer Society, the T.J. Martell Foundation, and the van Ameringen Foundation.



Smita C. Banerjee, PhD

Associate Attending Behavioral Scientist
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
Weill Cornell Medical Center
New York, NY

Dr. Smita Banerjee is an Associate Attending Behavioral Scientist in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at MSKCC. She received her PhD in Health Communication in 2005 from Rutgers University. Her research is in cancer prevention and control, with special emphasis on the role of communication between oncology health care providers (HCPs) and patients, and message framing for cancer risk prevention. Her recent work has primarily been contextualized in the areas of communication skills training to (a) improve sexual and gender minority (SGM) sensitivity for oncology HCPs, (b) reduce stigma experienced by patients with lung cancer who smoke(d), and (c) encourage HCPs to discuss sexual health concerns of cisgender female patients with cancer. Dr. Banerjee's research has been funded by the NCI, NIDA, and philanthropic organizations like T. J. Martell Foundation, Goldstein Foundation, and Geri & Me Foundation. She has published over 85 peer-reviewed manuscripts, 15 reviews and book chapters, and presented in over 100 national and international conferences.



Yvan Beaussant, MD, MSc

Instructor in Medicine
Psychosocial Oncology & Palliative Care
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Harvard Medical School
Boston, MA

Dr. Yvan Beaussant is a French-trained hematologist and palliative care physician committed to clinical practice and research that alleviates suffering among people with serious illness. Over a decade of experience caring for patients with serious illness, he has gained clinical experience in the limits of existing therapies to address existential and psychological distress and used quantitative and qualitative research methods to investigate the extent and qualities of this suffering.

From 2018-2020, he was a Dana-Farber Cancer Institute Research Fellow in the department of Psychosocial Oncology & Palliative Care and used this opportunity to focus his research on the potential roles of psychedelic-assisted therapies to treat psychosocial and existential distress in patients with serious illness. He conducted qualitative research and led a seminar funded by the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies that helped acknowledge concerns, identify research priorities and define an agenda to advance research at the intersection of psychedelic-assisted therapies and palliative care. In 2018, he also trained in psychedelic-assisted therapies and research at the California Institute of Integral Studies.

Dr. Beaussant moved into a faculty position at DFCI and received funding from Dana-Farber and several foundations to support his research projects, focusing on studying the effects of psychedelic-assisted therapies in patients with serious illnesses and their caregivers, as well as the opportunities and barriers for their integration into existing delivery models of serious illness care.



Liz Blackler, MBE, LCSW-R

Program Manager, Ethics Committee
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
New York, NY

Liz Blackler is the Program Manager for the Ethics Committee and Consultation Service at Memorial Sloan Kettering. She is an experienced Clinical Ethics Consultant with a Master of Science in Bioethics from Albert Einstein College of Medicine-Benjamin Cardozo School of Law and a Master of Science in Social Work from Columbia University. Her clinical interests involve working with staff to enhance end-of-life communication and decision-making and navigate conflicts and ethical concerns that can arise around the end of life, including the use of life-sustaining therapies. Her academic focus is in bioethics education and training of clinical staff.



Hareklia "Harri" Brackett, RN, MS, CNS, ACHPN

Lead Palliative Care Advanced Practice Nurse
University of Colorado Hospital
Aurora, CO

Hareklia "Harri" Brackett is credentialed as an Advanced Practice Nurse and Clinical Nurse Specialist from the Colorado State Board of Nursing (2003) and has had her Advance Certification in Hospice and Palliative Care Nursing (ACHPN) since 2006. She has 31 years of nursing experience and has worked in the areas of inpatient and outpatient oncology and blood disorders and vascular access in the capacity of staff nurse, nurse coordinator, case manager, clinical nurse educator, and clinical nurse specialist. She has primarily worked with oncology patients and providers and has considerable background in the areas of patient and staff education, conference coordination and direct clinical care. She has extensive experience in communication, value-based goals of care conversations, advance care planning, family meeting facilitation, and pain and symptom management. She has served as the lead advance practice nurse for the UCH Inpatient Palliative Care Consult Service since its origination in 2005. She has been the co-facilitator of the bi-annual End of Life Nursing Education Curriculum (ELNEC) and the UCH Annual Current Perspectives on Palliative Care conference for the past 15 years.



William Breitbart, MD, FACP, DFAPA, FAPOS

Chair, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Jimmie C. Holland Chair in Psychiatric Oncology
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Dr. William Breitbart is Chairman, the Jimmie C. Holland Chair in Psychiatric Oncology, and Attending Psychiatrist, Psychiatry Service, in the Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY. Dr. Breitbart is also Attending Psychiatrist, Supportive Care Service, Department of Medicine at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) and Professor of Clinical Psychiatry and Vice Chairman, Department of Psychiatry at Weill Cornell Medical College.

Dr. Breitbart's research efforts have focused on psychiatric aspects of cancer and palliative care, and have included studies of interventions for anxiety, depression, desire for death and delirium in cancer and AIDS patients. Dr. Breitbart has had continuous NIH RO1 funding of investigator initiated research since 1989. Dr. Breitbart has received numerous awards including: the 2013 Jimmie Holland Distinguished Leadership Award from the American Psychosocial Oncology Society, the American Cancer Society Trish Greene Quality of Life Research Award, and the 2019 International Psycho-Oncology Society's 2019 Jimmie Holland Award for lifetime contributions to psychiatric oncology.

Dr. Breitbart has published extensively on the psychiatric complications of cancer and AIDS with 200 peer review publications and over 200 chapters, review papers, and editorials. In addition, Dr. Breitbart has edited/written 12 textbooks including *Psycho-oncology - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Editions*; the treatment manuals for *Meaning-Centered Group Psychotherapy in Advanced Cancer Patients*, and *Individual Meaning-Centered Psychotherapy for Advanced Cancer Patient*; and *Meaning Centered Psychotherapy in the Cancer Setting* from Oxford University Press. Dr. Breitbart is Editor-in-Chief, of Cambridge University Press' international palliative care journal entitled, *Palliative & Supportive Care*.



Kristin G. Cloyes, PhD, MN, RN

Associate Professor
University of Utah College of Nursing
Salt Lake City, UT

Dr. Kristin Cloyes is an Associate Professor at the University of Utah College of Nursing, a senior mentor for the College's Cancer, Caregiving, and End of Life NIH T-32 training grant, and serves as sponsor and mentor to interdisciplinary pre- and postdoctoral students pursuing research at the intersection of caregiving, chronic illness, and end of life. Dr. Cloyes' research has focused on hospice care in home and community settings and among minoritized groups that have been historically under-represented in cancer and caregiving research. She investigates family and informal caregiving and is especially interested in how networks of family, friends, and close others provide social support and caregiving for members with chronic illness and at end of life.



Stephen R. Connor, PhD

Executive Director
Worldwide Hospice Palliative Care Alliance
London, United Kingdom

Dr. Stephen R. Connor is the Executive Director of the London, UK based charity, Worldwide Hospice Palliative Care Alliance (WHPCA), an alliance of over 350 national and regional hospice and palliative care organizations in over 100 countries worldwide. WHPCA manages World Hospice & Palliative Care Day for the global community. Dr. Connor has worked continuously in the hospice/palliative care movement since 1975 and has been the CEO of four US hospice programs. After serving for 11 years as vice-president of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (US), he is now focused on palliative care development internationally with the WHPCA and has worked on palliative care globally in over 27 countries including as international palliative care consultant for the Open Society Foundations.

In addition to being a hospice and association executive, he is a researcher, educator, advocate, and psychotherapist, licensed as a clinical psychologist. He is on the following Boards: National Palliative Care Research Center, Elisabeth Kubler-Ross Foundation & International Children's Palliative Care Network. He is on the editorial board of the Journal of Pain & Symptom Management and has published over 145 peer reviewed journal articles, reviews, & book chapters on issues related to palliative care for patients and their families. He is the author of *Hospice: Practice, Pitfalls, and Promise* (1998), *Hospice and Palliative Care: The Essential Guide* (2009 & 2018), and editor of *Building Integrated Palliative Care Programs and Services* (2017) and the *Global Atlas of Palliative Care* (2014 & 2020), a WHPCA publication in partnership with the WHO.



Prof. Julia Downing, PhD, RGN

Chief Executive, International Children's Palliative Care Network
Professor, Makerere University
Kampala, Uganda

Professor Julia Downing is an experienced palliative and cancer care nurse, educationalist and researcher. She is the Chief Executive of the International Children's Palliative Care Network (ICPCN) and a Professor in Palliative Care at Makerere University, Uganda. She has extensive experience in Global palliative care, research and education, and is on the editorial board of *ecancer*, *APM* and the *IJPN*. She has been working within palliative care for 30 years, with twenty of those working internationally in Uganda, Africa, Eastern Europe and globally developing palliative care for adults and children.

Professor Downing serves on the Boards of several NGOs including the Worldwide Hospice and Palliative Care Alliance, the African Palliative Care Association UK, and the Palliative Care Research Society and is an Advisor to the International Association of Hospice and Palliative Care. She is a Visiting Professor at Edge Hill University and the University of South Wales in the UK and the University of Belgrade in Serbia. She is also a Senior Honorary Research Fellow with the Cicely Saunders Institute at KCL, and an Honorary Senior Fellow at the University of Edinburgh.. She was the recipient of the *IJPN's* Development Award in 2006, the ISNCC Robert Tiffany lectureship in 2014, the Pearl Moore "Making a Difference" International Award for Contributions to Cancer Care from the ONS in 2015 and was recognised as one of eight 'Change Agents in Cancer Care' in a publication on Women as Change Agents in Oncology in 2016.



Andrew Epstein, MD

Attending, Medical Oncology and Supportive Care Service
2017 Cambia Health Foundation Sojourns Scholar
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Dr. Andrew Epstein is an Associate Attending at Memorial Sloan Kettering (MSK) and an Associate Professor of Medicine at Weill Cornell Medical Center. He has completed fellowships in Palliative Medicine and Medical Oncology and holds joint appointments at MSK in GI Medical Oncology and Supportive Care. His research focuses on improving the delivery of care to patients and their families by optimally integrating cancer care with palliative medicine. He has received grant funding for research in patient-physician communication and advance care planning from various organizations including from ASCO, the National Palliative Care Research Center, the Cambia Health Foundation, and the NIH. In 2019, Dr. Epstein was named an Emerging Leader in Hospice and Palliative Medicine by AAHPM. In collaboration with the MSK Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, he teaches communication skills to fellows at Memorial. Since starting it at MSK in 2013, he leads the case-based interprofessional and psychosocial Schwartz Rounds at MSK. On the national level, he is active in palliative oncology, serving as Chair of ASCO's Palliative Oncology Symposium program committee in 2019, and he is a member of the NCCN Palliative Care Guidelines panel.



Betty Ferrell, PhD, RN, CHPN, FAAN, FPCN

Professor and Director, Nursing Research and Education
City of Hope
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Dr. Betty Ferrell has been in nursing for 43 years and has focused her clinical expertise and research in pain management, quality of life, and palliative care. Dr. Ferrell is the Director of Nursing Research & Education and a Professor at the City of Hope Medical Center in Duarte, California. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and she has over 450 publications in peer-reviewed journals and texts. She is Principal Investigator of the “End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC)” project. She directs several other funded projects related to palliative care in cancer centers and QOL issues. Dr. Ferrell was Co-Chairperson of the National Consensus Project for Quality Palliative Care. Dr. Ferrell completed a Masters degree in Theology, Ethics and Culture from Claremont Graduate University in 2007. She has authored eleven books including the Oxford Textbook of Palliative Nursing (5th Edition, 2019) published by Oxford University Press. She is co-author of the text, *The Nature of Suffering and the Goals of Nursing* published in 2008 by Oxford University Press and *Making Health Care Whole: Integrating Spirituality into Patient Care* (Templeton Press, 2010). In 2013 Dr. Ferrell was named one of the 30 Visionaries in the field by the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. In 2019 she was elected a member of the National Academy of Medicine.



Carolyn Fulton, LCSW

Palliative Care Social Worker
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Carolyn Fulton has been practicing in the field of social work for 20 years, joining the University of Colorado Palliative Care team in 2018. She attends consults with the in-patient service, works as a family therapist in their out-patient clinic, and also assists with resiliency efforts for the palliative care fellows. Outside of palliative care, Carolyn is a family therapist in the Department of Psychiatry at University of Colorado, providing teaching on family therapy frameworks to psychiatry residents and child/adolescent psychiatry fellows. Before relocating to Colorado, Ms. Fulton worked at Memorial Sloan Kettering from 2009-2017, with the in-patient GI Medical Oncology and supportive care services, developing the role of a full-time social worker on the supportive care team. She provided teaching in the palliative medicine fellowship program, facilitated a group supervision for the fellows, and engaged in their mentorship efforts. Ms. Fulton also served as the Social Work Coordinator for MSK’s Family Therapy Clinic. Prior to her time at MSK, Carolyn was with CancerCare; a national non-profit organization providing individual and support group counseling to cancer patients, caregivers, survivors, and the bereaved. Carolyn has spent much of her career supervising and providing field instruction to graduate social work students during internships. Carolyn’s clinical areas of interest and expertise include studying relational complexity, supporting young adults at the end of life from a family systems lens, and supporting patients with the existential distress felt physically, spiritually, and psychologically when navigating advancing illness and end of life, including bereavement and questions regarding Medical Aid in Dying. These interests have afforded her opportunities to speak at the Association of Oncology Social Work, Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network, and the American Family Therapy Academy.



Marcia Glass, MD

Associate Professor of Internal Medicine
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Dr. Marcia Glass is an Associate Professor of Internal Medicine at Tulane University. She originally joined the Tulane faculty from 2006-2012 and then returned in 2017. From 2012-2017, she was on the faculty of University of California, San Francisco. She is board certified in Internal Medicine and Palliative Medicine.

Dr. Glass has worked internationally with Doctors without Borders, the Yale/Stanford Johnson and Johnson Global Health Program, Columbia University, UCSF HEAL Program, Partners in Health, and the Fulbright-Nehru Specialist Program. Her domestic volunteer work includes being a founding faculty sponsor for the Ozanam Inn Outreach Clinic in New Orleans, a faculty volunteer for the UCSF/USF Clinica Martin-Baro in San Francisco, asylum work in New Orleans with Luke's House, and a volunteer during COVID-19 with the Navajo Nation.

Her grant-supported research has produced several peer-reviewed articles along with multiple national and international presentations. Her research awards include the 2015 SHM Best Research Poster, the 2014 California-Hawaii SGIM Outstanding Research Abstract, and 2nd place in the 2011 AMSA Annual Convention in the Community Development and Service Category. Her work has been published in Annals of Internal Medicine, The Lancet, and The Washington Post. She co-edited and published the Oxford Field Manual for Palliative Care in Humanitarian Crises in 2019.



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As a chaplain, he teaches spirituality in the healthcare setting to new medical students, residents and fellows, and teaches clinicians ways to reduce stress and burnout on the job. Soren initiated and leads ongoing weekly meditation groups in the hospital and virtually. As a visual artist, he brings art and creativity, into his chaplaincy work.



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Hasan is committed to the advancement of the African American community and is a devoted member of the Historical Masjid Malcolm Shabazz in Harlem, New York, which is founded upon the leadership of Imam W. Deen Mohammad.

He is a published author and co-author of groundbreaking articles and chapters in books including, 'Disaster Spiritual Care: Practical Clergy Responses to Community, Regional and National Tragedy' (2011), 'On the Ground After 9/11: Mental Health Responses and Practical Knowledge Gained' and 'A Time for Listening and Caring of the Chronically Ill and Dying' (2006).

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Currently, she is the Palliative Care lead investigator and mentor on several studies funded through NIH, NCI, and PCORI investigating the effect of early, integrated palliative care for patients with advanced cancer. In 2015, she worked with hospital leadership to develop the Palliative Care Continuum Project which seeks to disseminate excellent palliative care for seriously ill patients at MGH through patient engagement, comprehensive advance care planning, and primary palliative care education for clinicians. Nationally she serves as a member of the Board for the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. In 2019, she won the prestigious Harvard Medical School A. Clifford Barger mentoring award. She is the co-author of the book *Living with Cancer: A step by step guide to coping medically and emotionally with a serious diagnosis*, published by Johns Hopkins University Press.



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Before joining UC San Diego Health, Allison served as Director of Programs and taught pastoral care to clergy of all backgrounds at the Center for Pastoral Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City. Prior to that she was a Chaplain Supervisor at UCSF Health, where she completed her chaplaincy and supervisory training. She earned her MA in Judaic Studies and MPA in Non-profit Management and Public Policy from New York University. Allison is a board-certified chaplain (NAJC and APC) and a certified pastoral educator (ACPE). She also holds Advanced Board Certification in Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplaincy (APC).



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Joan Marston has been active in palliative care for the past 33 years in many different roles and at local, national and international level. With a special interest in palliative care for children she established Sunflower Children's Hospice in 1998 in Bloemfontein, South Africa; the first national program for pediatric palliative care for the Hospice Palliative Care Association of South Africa; and as co-founder and first CEO of the International Children's Palliative Care Network advocated for and supported the development of children's palliative care in many different countries especially in low and middle-income countries. This concern for children continues with leadership roles in advocacy, management, education and research with PatchSA - Palliative Treatment for Children South Africa, as a pediatric advocate on the South African national Palliative Care Action Group; and as a Global Ambassador for the International Children's Palliative Care Network.

In 2016, observing the heartbreaking suffering of Syrian refugees, so many of whom are children, and realizing there was a great need for palliative care in humanitarian crises yet little was provided, this led to conversations with like-minded colleagues and the establishment of PalCHASE - Palliative Care in Humanitarian Aid Situations and Emergencies. PalCHASE continues to build a global network linking the palliative care and humanitarian health response fields; advocates for the integration of palliative care in humanitarian crises; and collaborates widely on education and research. Apart from issues affecting children needing palliative care another deep interest is spiritual care; and helping children deal with loss and grief.



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Amy Melnick is the Executive Director of the National Coalition for Hospice and Palliative Care (Coalition). Amy's career has focused on health care policy, legislative and regulatory advocacy, and coalition building with diverse stakeholders. Amy guides the Coalition efforts to better communicate, coordinate and collaborate with the 13 leading national organizations representing the interdisciplinary field of hospice and palliative care.

Additionally, Amy guides the Coalition operations and stakeholder engagement with various health care policy organizations such as Congress, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, National Institute of Health, National Academy of Sciences, National Quality Forum, Patient Quality of Life Coalition and The Joint Commission. Under Amy's leadership, the Coalition has launched several initiatives including the release of the 4th Edition of the National Consensus Process, Clinical Practice Guidelines for Palliative Care; the National Pediatric Palliative Care Task Force and the receipt of the Coalition's first federal grant for stakeholder engagement for measure development.

Prior to joining the Coalition, Amy was the Vice President, Advocacy, for the Arthritis Foundation in Washington D.C. where she successfully advocated for the creation of a congressionally directed federally funded research program at the Department of Defense for arthritis research. Amy has also represented physicians, scientists, and nurses, while serving as the Vice President for Health Policy at the Heart Rhythm Society. She began her career on Capitol Hill as Committee Staff at the US House of Representatives' Select Committee on Aging where she focused on issues affecting older Americans. Amy attended the London School of Economics and Political Science and received her undergraduate degree from Wellesley College (BA) and her Masters of Public Administration from George Mason University (MPA).



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Dr. Nelson has focused on systematic integration of palliative care with intensive care and oncologic care. She has been principal investigator of multiple research and career development awards from NIH. She launched and directed The IPAL-ICU Project to help improve palliative care for ICU patients and families. Dr. Nelson recently founded the Supportive Oncology Committee of the Alliance of Dedicated Cancer Centers, which she Co-Chairs. She received a Faculty Scholar Award from the Soros Foundation's Project on Death in America, the American College of Chest Physicians' Award for Advances in End-of-Life Care, the Society of Critical Care Medicine's Ethics Achievement Award, the Pioneering Spirit Award from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses, and Visiting Professorships at Harvard Medical School and the University of Toronto. She has authored numerous peer-reviewed scientific articles.



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Professor Radbruch has joined the IAHPD Board of Directors in 2011, was Incoming Chair from 2012 to 2013 and has been Chair of the Board since 2014. He been president of the German Association for Palliative Medicine from 2014 to 2021. He has been a commissioner of the Lancet Commission on Palliative Care from 2015 to 2017.

Professor Radbruch completed his Habilitation (the German equivalent of a PhD) in 2000. He has published extensively, his main research interests being symptom assessment, opioid treatment, fatigue, cachexia and ethical issues in palliative care. He is co-author of the German textbook on palliative medicine (Lehrbuch der Palliativmedizin, Schattauer Verlag). He has been editor of 'Der Schmerz' since 2004, a member of the Drug Commission of the German Medical Board since 2004, and a member of the Expert Commission of the German Narcotic Control Agency since 2004 and a member of the Leopoldina National Academy of Science since 2020.



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Smriti Rana is trained in Integrative and Holistic Psychological Counselling. She began her work in palliative care after losing several family members in one year to protracted illnesses marked by the conspicuous absence of pain relief.

She is the Director-Programs at Pallium India, a national registered charitable Trust formed in 2003 that strives to alleviate health-related suffering. Smriti heads programs ranging from National outreach, advocacy, development and integration of curricula, gender-equity, balanced access to essential narcotic drugs, humane end of life care and palliative care in humanitarian settings. The organization demonstrates, educates, and advocates for the integration of palliative care into mainstream healthcare. Through the Trivandrum Institute of Palliative Sciences (Pallium India's flagship program), a WHO Collaborating Centre for Training and Policy on Access to Pain Relief, Smriti works closely with the WHO SEARO to scale up palliative care services in the region.

Smriti has led psychosocial training sessions at pallium India since 2012, has moderated several expert panels and has been guest faculty for three consecutive years at Dartmouth University's Health Care Foundations sessions on Global Perspectives, with topics centered around palliative care, humanizing pharmaceutical practices in developing countries and innovative responses in healthcare during the pandemic.



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Dr. Rebecca Wright trained as a nurse and earned her PhD at the Florence Nightingale Faculty of Nursing, Midwifery and Palliative Care, King's College London in the UK. She worked as a palliative care nurse at St Christopher's Hospice, moving to the US to continue her research in palliative care with an international lens for developing and sharing practice. Her research uses a health equity lens and collaborative, co-design approaches to improve experiences of palliative care access and delivery in different environments and with different populations. She was the first person to use the experience-based co-design (EBCD) methodology in a PhD and has adapted the approach for a US health systems context, with studies currently in progress in the emergency department, the ICU, and with environmental and supportive services. A primary focus of Rebecca's work is identifying gaps in palliative care evidence, and working with transdisciplinary and community-based teams and approaches to respond to address identified gaps.



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