



Memorial Sloan Kettering
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5th Annual U.S. Celebration of

World Hospice & Palliative Care Day

A VIRTUAL COMING TOGETHER
SEPTEMBER 30—OCTOBER 1, 2024

This conference is complimentary for all participants.
Register online: msk.org/WHPCD



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Introduction

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.

In our commitments to inclusivity and accessibility, **registration is complimentary for all attendees.** Additionally, we've curated our conference schedule to accommodate diverse time zones, encouraging participation from around the world.

Monday, September 30, 2024

7:55 AM—1:20 PM (EDT)

California (-3 hours)

4:55—10:20 AM (PDT)

Universal Time Coordinated (+4 hours)

11:55 AM—5:20 PM (UTC)

India Standard Time (+9.5 hours)

5:25—10:50 PM (IST)

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

11:55 AM—6:10 PM (EDT)

California (-3 hours)

8:55 am—3:10 pm (PDT)

Universal Time Coordinated (+4 hours)

3:55—10:10 PM (UTC)

India Standard Time (+9.5 hours)

9:25 PM—3:40 AM (IST)

Finally, we're delighted to offer a variety of **expanded credit types** to meet the diverse needs of our learners.

Overview

Access to palliative care is a right to the highest standard of health and an integral component of universal health coverage for patients with serious illness and their caregivers.

This innovative 2-day virtual conference is a U.S.-based “coming together” that strives to foster cross-cultural community building and both scientific and experiential wisdom sharing.

A multidisciplinary group of palliative care leaders at the forefront of research, policy, and clinical practice will present on diverse topics, including the psychological needs of people living with serious illnesses, spiritual care needs at the end-of-life, the role of emergency medical services in serious illness care, palliative care advocacy, and care for historically minoritized and marginalized populations.

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

- **Special breakout sessions** will include experts on psychedelics, end-of-life care, women of color in palliative care, and pediatric palliative care.
- A highlight of this meeting will be dedicated sessions on the **patient and caregiver experiences**.
- 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 be able to engage in the **Palliative Story Exchange**, a space for interprofessional palliative care clinicians to tell and receive stories.

- We will feature presentations from palliative care leaders across the world on implementation of the **2014 World Health Assembly (WHA) Resolution 67.19** on Palliative Care.
- Participants will engage in discussions with inter-professional and internationally based presenters about **patient, family, and community implications for palliative care practice and scholarship.**

This program is co-hosted by Memorial Sloan Kettering's **Supportive Care Service** and **Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.**

SYLLABUS

Registered attendees will receive access to an online syllabus after the conference, which will include select PDFs of the faculty presentations (slides) and recorded videos.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This virtual Conference is focused on the care of seriously ill patients and their caregivers, 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.

We proudly welcome all members of the community to join complimentary.

This conference is complimentary for all attendees and pre-registration is required in order to participate:

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Monday, September 30

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7:55 AM	Zoom Sign On
8:00 AM	Welcome and Orientation Craig D. Blinderman, MD, MA, FAAHPM William S. Breitbart, MD Billy Rosa, PhD, MBE, APRN, FAANP, FPCN, FAAN
8:15 AM	OPENING KEYNOTE Annual World Hospice and Palliative Care Day Lectureship MODERATOR: Shila Pandey, DNP, AGPCNP-BC, ACHPN  Life Until the End: Ubuntu, Culture, and What Truly Matters in Responding to Suffering Christian Ntizimira, MD, MMsGHD Q&A and Discussion • 9:00–9:15 AM
9:15 AM	Recognition of the 10-Year Anniversary of the World Health Assembly Resolution on Palliative Care MODERATOR: Billy Rosa, PhD, MBE, APRN, FAANP, FPCN, FAAN Stephen R. Connor, PhD, LP Alex Daniels Liliana De Lima, MS, MHA Kathleen M. Foley, MD Ednin Hamzah, MD Christian Ntizimira, MD, MMsGHD Q&A and Panel Discussion • 10:00–10:15 AM
10:15 AM	Break
10:20 AM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS I. Access, Equity, and Inclusion in Psychedelic Medicine and Therapies MODERATOR: Craig D. Blinderman, MD, MA, FAAHPM Caroline Dorsen, PhD, FNP-BC, FAAN Stacy M. Fischer, MD Darron Smith, PhD, PA-C, DFAAPA II. Care of Children with Serious Neurologic Impairment MODERATOR: Dana Greenfield, MD, PhD Jori F. Bogetz, MD Julie Hauer, MD, FAAHPM Amy S. Porter, MD, PhD Q&A and Panel Discussions • 11:05–11:20 AM

11:20 AM	Break
11:30 AM	<p>VIRTUAL SCHWARTZ ROUNDS</p> <p>Featuring an Interdisciplinary Team From the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF)</p> <p>Making it Happen: Honoring Patient & Family Wishes at the End of Life</p> <p>Brian Block, MD Annabelle Bull, BSN, RN, CHPN Enver Rahmanov, MTS, MA Catherine Saiki, RN, MSN, AGNP-C, ACHPN</p> <p>MODERATORS:</p> <p>Andrew Epstein, MD, FAAHPM Kiran Gupta, MD, MPH</p> <p>Q&A and Panel Discussion • 12:15-12:30 PM</p>
12:30 PM	<p>TOP 10 TIPS PALLIATIVE CARE CLINICIANS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ...</p> <p>MODERATOR: Christopher Jones, MD, MBA, HMDC, FAAHPM</p> <p>Caring for Patients with Hematologic Malignancies</p> <p>Neha Kayastha, MD Jason A. Webb, MD, DFAPA, FAAHPM, FACP</p> <p>Before The Hospital: Partnering with Emergency Medical Services to Improve Serious Illness Care</p> <p>Amelia M. Breyre, MD, NREMT-P David H. Wang, MD, FAAHPM</p> <p>Q&A and Panel Discussion • 1:00-1:15 PM</p>
1:15 PM	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Billy Rosa, PhD, MBE, APRN, FAANP, FPCN, FAAN</p>
1:20 PM	Adjournment

Tuesday, October 1

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11:55 AM	Zoom Sign On
12:00 PM	Opening Remarks Billy Rosa, PhD, MBE, APRN, FAANP, FPCN, FAAN
12:05 PM	Intentionally Interprofessional Palliative Care MODERATOR: Billy Rosa, PhD, MBE, APRN, FAANP, FPCN, FAAN DorAnne Donesky, PhD ANP-BC ACHPN FHPN Michelle Marie Milic, MD Naomi Saks, MA, Mdiv, BCC Cara L. Wallace, PhD, LMSW, APHSW-C Q&A and Panel Discussion • 12:50-1:05 PM
1:05 PM	PATIENT & CAREGIVER CONVERSATION MODERATOR: Andrew Epstein, MD, FAAHPM Leslie Shifrin Fran Shifrin Q&A and Discussion • 1:50-2:05 PM
2:05 PM	INVITED RAPID FIRE TALKS MODERATOR: Shila Pandey, DNP, AGPCNP-BC, ACHPN Telehealth-Based Geriatric Assessment and Supportive Care Intervention Cristiane Bergerot, PhD Advanced Care Caregiving in Young Adulthood: Developmental and Intergenerational Challenges Amanda Kastrinos, PhD The Role of Spirituality in Pain Experiences Among Adults with Cancer Megan R. Miller, PhD, RN Addressing Mental Health in Serious Illness: Towards Integrated Palliative Care Daniel Shalev, MD Addressing Challenges with Sedation Practices in End-of-Life Care Columba Thomas, MD, OP Q&A and Panel Discussion • 2:55-3:15 PM

3:15 PM	Break
3:25 PM	<p>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</p> <p>I. Leadership Experiences of Women of Color in Palliative Care MODERATOR: Sonia Malhotra, MD, MS, FAAP, FAAHPM Rabia S. Atayee, PharmD, BCPS, APh, FAAHPM Karen Bullock, PhD, LICSW, APHSW-C Noelle Marie C. Javier, MD Masako Mayahara, PhD, RN, CHPN, FPCN, FAAN Reverend Ramona Winfield, MDiv, BCC</p> <p>II. Potentially Non-Beneficial Interventions at the End-of-Life MODERATOR: Liz Blackler, MBE, LCSW-R Laveena Munshi, MD, MSc Judith Nelson, MD, JD Naveen Salins, MD, PhD, FRCP</p> <p>Q&A and Panel Discussion • 4:10–4:25 PM</p>
4:25 PM	Break
4:30 PM	<p>The Palliative Story Exchange A Storytelling Intervention</p> <p>MODERATORS: Alexis E. Drutchas, MD Richard E. Leiter, MD, MA Rachel Rusch, MSW, LCSW, MA, APHSW-C</p>
5:30 PM	Break
5:35 PM	<p>CLOSING KEYNOTE Dr. Richard Payne Lecture on Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging in Serious Illness</p> <p>MODERATOR: Billy Rosa, PhD, MBE, APRN, FAANP, FPCN, FAAN</p> <div>  <p>Navigating Culture, Race, and Spirituality in Palliative Care Sonia Malhotra, MD, MS, FAAP, FAAHPM</p> </div> <p>Q&A and Discussion • 6:20–6:35 PM</p>
6:35 PM	<p>Closing Remarks Billy Rosa, PhD, MBE, APRN, FAANP, FPCN, FAAN</p>
6:40 PM	Adjournment

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Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center designates this live activity for a maximum of **11.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the participant to earn up to 11.25 MOC points in the American Board of Internal Medicine's (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. It is the CME activity provider's responsibility to submit participant completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABIM MOC credit.

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Faculty Biographies

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





Rabia S. Atayee, PharmD, BCPS, APh, FAAHPM

Professor of Clinical Pharmacy;
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Palliative Care Specialist;
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Dr. Rabia Atayee, is a board-certified pharmacotherapy and palliative care specialist. She pioneers palliative care as an advanced practice pharmacist at UC San Diego Health System, holding a DEA license since 2006 to initiate controlled substances for her patients.

Dr. Atayee's clinical expertise is reflected in her expanded practice and 79 PubMed-indexed publications. Her research primarily focuses on palliative care, with additional interest in pharmacy education. Recognized for her teaching excellence, she received multiple awards, including the AACP Teacher of the Year and UC San Diego SSPPS Teacher of the Year. As a founding member and past-president of the Society of Pain and Palliative Care Pharmacists, she shapes the field's direction.

Dr. Atayee serves on the BPS Oncology Pharmacy Specialty Council and the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Awards Committee. In 2022, she received the UC San Diego Inaugural Palliative Care Values in Action Award and became a FAAHPM Fellow. Moreover, she contributes as an expert witness for the Department of Justice and San Diego County District Attorney's office.



Cristiane Bergerot, PhD

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Dr. Cristiane Bergerot is the head of the Supportive Care at Grupo Oncoclinicas, Brazil. She completed a 3-year post doc research fellowship in the Department of Medical Oncology at the City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center in Duarte, California, USA. She has been working with cancer patients for almost 20 years as a clinician and as a researcher. She has received four merit awards from the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Conquer Cancer Foundation and was selected for the prestigious SWOG Young Investigator Course.

She is past recipient of the Barry Hoeven Memorial Kidney Cancer Research Grant from Kure It in 2020, the Global Oncology Young Investigator Award (GOYIA) from the Conquer Cancer Foundation in 2021, and the Psychosocial Focus Award from the Kidney Cancer Association in 2021. Currently, she is serving as the quality-of-life Chair of multiples ongoing clinical trial in the US and Europe (PROBE trial, CARE-1, and CONCR trial). She is committed to bettering the lives of patients with cancer through (1) obtaining a detailed understanding of their quality of life and (2) addressing their quality of life through novel, targeted interventions.



Liz Blackler, MBE, LCSW-R

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Liz Blackler is the Program Manager for the Ethics Committee and Ethics Consultation Service at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. 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 end-of-life communication, decision-making and mediation. Her academic focus is on bioethics education and training of clinical staff.



Craig D. Blinderman, MD, MA, FAAHPM

Chief, Supportive Care Service
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Dr. Craig D. Blinderman is a national leader in palliative medicine and the Chief of the Supportive Care Service at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK). For 13 years, prior to his tenure at MSK, Dr. Blinderman was the Director of the Adult Palliative Care Service at Columbia University Irving Medical Center/NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital and the Program Director of the Bi-Campus (Columbia and Cornell) Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital. From 2006-2010 Dr. Blinderman served as an attending physician on the Palliative Care Service at the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH).

His publications and interests are far ranging, including early palliative care in lung cancer patients (NEJM 2010), evidence-based review for comfort care for the dying (NEJM 2015), cancer pain management, ethical issues at the end of life (JAMA; J Clin Ethics), and many other areas, including multiple publications on the role of palliative care in the COVID pandemic. His academic interests include decision-making at the end of life, the role of palliative care in public and global health, medical ethics, narrative medicine, and the integration of contemplative care and meditation in clinical practice.

He also has a strong interest in teaching and developing programs to improve medical trainees' skills in communication and care for the dying. He is currently the section editor for Case Discussions in the Journal of Palliative Medicine and a member of the editorial board. Dr. Blinderman also serves on the advisory board and teaches at the New York Zen Center in New York City.



Brian Block, MD

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Dr. Brian Block is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine, the Associate Director of the Medical ICU, and the Assistant Director for Critical Care training within the Pulmonary Fellowship. He has interests in medical ethics, communication, and decision-making during critical illness. On the inpatient side, he attends in the intensive care unit and the pulmonary function and exercise laboratory. He also has a busy outpatient practice, seeing patients in general pulmonology as well as survivors of critical illness in UCSF's post-ICU clinic.

Dr. Block graduated from Harvard Medical School, completed Internal Medicine training at Columbia University, and was also a Chief Medical Resident at Columbia. He then came to UCSF to complete fellowship training in Pulmonary and Critical Care medicine. During his research fellowship, he studied advance care planning among patients with critical illness. He was named the 2024 Clinician of the Year by the California Thoracic Society.



Jori F. Bogetz, MD

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Dr. Jori F. Bogetz is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Washington School of Medicine, the Associate Director of Research at the Treuman Katz Center for Pediatric Bioethics and Palliative Care, and an attending physician in pediatric palliative care at Seattle Children's Hospital. Dr. Bogetz completed her pediatric residency and an Academic General Pediatrics Fellowship at Stanford University and a Pediatric Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship at MGH/Harvard University/Boston Children's Hospital.

Her research focuses on improving care for children with severe neurological impairment and their families through interventions that support high quality communication and family-centered care. Dr. Bogetz has received funding for her research from the National Institutes of Health Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the Cambia Health Foundation, the National Palliative Care Research Center, the Seattle Children's Research Institute, and the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health. Dr. Bogetz has published >50 papers in peer reviewed journals and contributed to 4 foundational textbooks in her field. She serves as a member-at-large on the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine Roundtable on Quality Care for Patients with Serious Illness.



William S. Breitbart, MD

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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. He is recipient of the International Psycho-Oncology Society's 2009 Sutherland Lifetime Achievement Award and 2019 Jimmie Holland Award for lifetime contributions to psychiatric oncology; the Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine's 2011 Hackett Lifetime Achievement Award; the American Psychosocial Oncology Society's 2013 Distinguished Leadership Award; the American Cancer Society's 2017 Trish Greene Quality of Life Award; and the 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Contributions to Palliative Care from the MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Dr. Breitbart's research efforts focus on psychiatric aspects of cancer and palliative care. His most recent efforts focus on Meaning-Centered Psychotherapy for cancer patients, an "NCI designated Research Tested Intervention" for end of life despair. He is currently PI of R25 CA190169 which is training a national cohort of cancer care clinicians in Meaning Centered Psychotherapy.

He has over 500 peer review publications, chapters and review papers, and 13 textbooks including: *Psycho-oncology - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Editions*; *Psychosocial Palliative Care*; *Handbook of Psychiatry in Palliative Medicine - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Editions*; and the treatment manuals for *Meaning-Centered Group Psychotherapy in Advanced Cancer Patients*; and *Individual Meaning-Centered Psychotherapy for Advanced Cancer Patients*; 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*.



Amelia M. Breyre, MD, NREMT-P

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Dr. Amelia Breyre is a board-certified Emergency Medicine and EMS Physician. She completed medical school at the University of Pennsylvania, residency in Emergency Medicine at Highland Hospital in Oakland California, and a fellowship in EMS & Disaster Medicine at UCSF in San Francisco. For the past two years, she has worked as an Assistant Professor and Associate EMS Medical Director at Yale University, Department of Emergency Medicine before moving recently back to the Bay Area. Her research interest is in improving EMTs and Paramedics' care of patients near the end-of-life. She has published and lectured about the topic locally and nationally.



Annabelle Bull, BSN, RN, CHPN

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Originally from England, Annabelle Bull moved to America in 2003 and settled in San Francisco in 2017. Annabelle began working in hospice care by a happy accident after she started working on a medical/oncology unit that also specializes in complex life care. It was here that she discovered her passion for providing comfort and dignity to patients and their families during life's most challenging moments.

Outside of work, Annabelle enjoys spending time with her cat, Lily, who brings joy and relaxation after long, fulfilling days of care.



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Dr. Karen Bullock is the Louise McMahon Ahearn Endowed Professor in the Boston College School of Social Work and in Global Public Health. She is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Work (LICSW) with mental health practice experience and expertise in health disparities, health equity, serious illness care, aging and gerontology, hospice, palliative and end-of-life care decision making. Karen is a John A. Hartford Faculty Scholar and has served on several national boards and committees, including the Social Work Hospice & Palliative Care Network (SWHPN) as vice-chair and the American Cancer Society (ACS) Oncology Social Work Research Peer Review Committee, past chair. She is a member of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) Roundtable on Quality Care for People with Serious Illness, a board member of the Palliative Care Quality Collaborative (PCQ), Steering Committee member for the Duke University REACH Equity Center, affiliate faculty at the Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC), and has an appointment in the Department of Psychosocial Oncology and Palliative Care at Dana Farber Cancer Institute (DFCI). Most recently, Karen received the AAHPM 2024 Richard Payne Outstanding Achievement in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award.



Stephen R. Connor, PhD, LP

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Dr. Stephen R. Connor is the Executive Director of the London, UK based Worldwide Hospice Palliative Care Alliance (WHPCA), an alliance of over 475 national and regional hospice and palliative care organizations in over 100 countries. Dr. Connor has worked continuously in the hospice/palliative care movement since 1975 including leading four US Hospice Programs, 10 years as vice-president of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (US), and seven years as international palliative care consultant for Open Society Foundations. He is now focused on palliative care development internationally with the WHPCA and has worked on palliative care globally in 30 countries over 23 years.

He is a hospice and association executive, a health services researcher, educator, advocate, and psychotherapist, licensed as a clinical psychologist with over 20 years of clinical experience. He is on multiple boards and serves on several technical working groups for the WHO. Dr Connor has published over 175 peer reviewed journal articles, & book chapters and is the author/editor of six books on palliative care including *Hospice & Palliative Care: The essential guide* (2018) and the *Global Atlas of Palliative Care* (2014 & 2020).



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Liliana De Lima has a background in clinical psychology with a postgraduate degree in healthcare administration, and a fellowship in pain and policy studies. She has been the Executive Director of the International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care since early 2000. Before taking this position, she was program director at the Department of Palliative Care in the UT MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. Prior to moving to the USA, she was the founder and coordinator of the hospice La Viga, in Cali, Colombia, the first in-patient hospice in the Latin American region. She was one of the founders of the Latin American Palliative Care Association (ALCP) and served as its President for 6 years.

Ms. De Lima has been working in palliative care for over 30 years – her primary interests are supporting and advancing palliative care initiatives and policies in low- and middle-income countries. She served in the World Health Organization Expert Committee on Drug Dependence and in the Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines. She has implemented opioid availability workshops in India and throughout countries in Latin America and has served as a consultant and adviser to governments in the process of designing and implementing national palliative care programs and policies.



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Caroline received a BA in Anthropology from UC Berkeley, a BS in Nursing at NYU, a Master's degree at Yale, and a PhD in Nursing Research and Theory at NYU. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship in translational science at NYU Langone Health. Caroline was the 2020 recipient of the Dean's Distinguished Teaching Award at NYU Meyers College of Nursing. In 2020, she was also the recipient of NYU's MLK, Jr Faculty Award sponsored by the President and Provost for "exemplifying the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through teaching excellence, leadership, social justice activism, and community building." She received the Rutgers "Beloved Community" Award in 2021 for her work during the pandemic. She was inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing in 2021.



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Dr. Drutchas was chosen to be a 2021 OpEd Public Voices Fellow. Her work has been featured in The New England Journal of Medicine, NBC, CNN, Newsweek, The Boston Globe, and Health Affairs, among others. Dr. Drutchas co-founded *The Palliative Story Exchange* in 2020, which seeks to build community, foster shared meaning, and ease suffering for interprofessional clinicians through storytelling. Dr. Drutchas lives with her wife and their son in Boston, MA.



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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.



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Her overarching research vision is to improve palliative care outcomes for underserved and vulnerable populations through developing and testing innovative interventions. Her research program has included exploring the impacts of ethnicity, culture, and poverty on palliative care outcomes. She is currently co-leading a multi-site clinical trial of psilocybin assisted psychotherapy for adults with serious cancers to improve anxiety, depression, and existential distress.



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As a clinician, Kiran sees patients on a variety of hospital medicine and palliative care services and is actively involved in resident and medical student education. She has authored a textbook and several book chapters on patient safety related topics. Her research focuses on burnout and the second victim effect, physician malpractice and patient safety.



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Her work has included innovative symptom treatment protocols targeting the mechanisms of pain generation specific to this population. Dr. Hauer has written a book on the medical and palliative care needs of such individuals: *Caring for Children Who Have Severe Neurological Impairment: A Life With Grace*. A second book will soon be published by Oxford University Press.



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Apart from her clinical duties, she has had opportunities to conduct research, publish, and present at local, regional, national, and international conferences such as the American Geriatrics Society (AGS), the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM), the McGill International Palliative Care Congress, Society for General Internal Medicine (SGIM) and GLMA: Health Professions Advancing LGBTQ Equality. Her areas of scholarly interests include wound care, pain management, medical education, palliative care in the nursing home, rehabilitation in palliative care, pediatric palliative care, major neurocognitive disorders, and inclusive and affirming geriatric and palliative care for the older LGBTQI+ population. She sits on the board for GLMA; an active member of the Ethics Committee for AGS; Chair-Elect for the DEI Committee for AAHPM; an active member for both SGIM's Health Equity Commission and Women and Medicine Commission. She also does volunteer work for the indigent communities and migrants in the NYC area.



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Dr. Christopher Jones trained in Internal Medicine at Brown University and completed fellowships in Hospice and Palliative Medicine and Geriatric Medicine at Duke University. He currently serves as the Clinical Vice Chief at Duke Palliative Care and is an Associate Professor of Medicine at Duke SOM. After four years as the Founding Editor of the journal Palliative Medicine Reports, in 2023 Dr. Jones became the third Editor in Chief of the Journal of Palliative Medicine.

In addition to his work with the AAHPM Board, Dr. Jones assists CAPC with its billing and coding resources, serves as Core Faculty at the Four Seasons Palliative Care Immersion Course, was named as AAHPM's alternate subspecialty advisor to the AMA RUC, and offers consulting around billing, coding, and revenue enhancement through Lightning Bolt Partners, LLC.



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Outside of her clinical work, she enjoys researching and writing about the integration of palliative care for patients with cancer. She is passionate about medical education and curriculum development and is the director for Duke's undergraduate medical education. In her free time, Neha enjoys trying new restaurants in Durham with her husband and learning how to keep her plants alive.



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She obtained her undergraduate degree from Mount Holyoke College in Neuroscience and Behavior with a minor in Complex Organizations. She earned her Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from Temple University. After pharmacy school, she pursued an American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists (ASHP) accredited PGY1 residency at the University at Buffalo/Niagara Hospice followed by an ASHP accredited PGY2 Pain Management and Palliative Care Residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She is board-certified in pharmacotherapy. She has special interests in global health programs that include pain management education and training and safe access to oncology and supportive care medicines in developing countries.



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He currently serves as the Director of the Inpatient Palliative Care Consult Service and founded the Department of Psychosocial Oncology and Palliative Care Writing Core. Dr. Leiter writes about the intersection of palliative care and ethics, and the emotional experience of working in the field.

His writing has been published in the New York Times, The New England Journal of Medicine, STATNews, Journal of Clinical Oncology, and Cell, among others. Along with Dr. Alexis Drutchas and Rachel Rusch, LCSW, he is a co-founder of *The Palliative Story Exchange*, a storytelling intervention that seeks to enhance connection and foster meaning-making among healthcare professionals. In 2024, Dr. Leiter was named as an *Emerging Leader in Hospice and Palliative Medicine* by the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine.



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Since 2015, Dr. Malhotra has been building Palliative Medicine programs in the New Orleans region. During her two years at Ochsner Health System, she built the state of Louisiana's first Pediatric Palliative Medicine program and was awarded with numerous honors including Gambit Magazine's 40 Under 40 Award. She was recruited back to Academia in 2017 where she created and built the UMCNO/Tulane SOM Palliative Medicine program which has an inpatient services, a free-standing outpatient clinic and inpatient hospice program. Dr. Malhotra helped build the Tulane Hospice and Palliative Medicine fellowship and serves as the UMCNO Site Director which has now trained its fifth class of fellows.

Dr. Malhotra is also an Associate Section Chief for GIM, Geriatrics and Palliative Care at Tulane SOM. She is a faculty and coach for the Tulane Anti-Racism Leadership Institute and has a keen interest in furthering anti-racism efforts in Medicine and advancing Humanism through the intersections of lived experiences, poetry and spoken word.

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Dr. Mayahara's contributions to advancing the scientific basis for hospice and palliative nursing are nationally recognized. She has been honored as a Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association Research Scholar, as well as a Fellow in Palliative Care Nursing. She is a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Hospice and Palliative Nursing and currently serves as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association and Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation. She is the past chair of Midwest Nursing Research Society Palliative Care and End-of-Life Research Interest Group and currently serves on the board of director at Midwest Nursing Research Society.



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The Georgetown motto is *cura personalis*, or care for the whole person, which is the essence of compassionate and holistic care. Dr. Milic infuses this concept into practice, education and research by bringing interprofessional palliative care principles to critically ill patients in the intensive care unit (ICU), and those suffering from advanced lung and neurodegenerative diseases such as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). First, as a Cambia Sojourns Scholar, Dr. Milic leads interprofessional teams conducting educational workshops called Improving Palliative Care Teamwork in the ICU- Interprofessional Education (IMPACT-IPE). This program provides communication skills training, team-based learning and support to reduce moral distress for ICU clinicians.

Additionally, Dr. Milic leads a team supported by grant funding from the ALS Association to study supportive team-based Palliative Care in persons with ALS and their care partners. Improving communication and functionality in an ICU or ALS care team improves the work culture and creates a sense of camaraderie, trust, and support, which can ultimately enhance collaboration and improve patient and family care.



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Dr. Megan Miller has been a Registered Nurse since 2015, gaining professional experience in hospice and palliative care, nursing education, and health promotion across the lifespan. She is currently an Assistant Professor in the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Nursing and an Executive Committee Member in the UW-Madison Transdisciplinary Center for Research in Psychoactive Substances.

Dr. Miller's work focuses on supporting holistic, compassionate, and equitable palliative and supportive care. Dr. Miller completed BSN and PhD programs at Michigan State University, with a focus on cancer symptom management and integrative therapies. She then transitioned into a 2-year Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at the UW-Madison School of Nursing, focused on spirituality and psychedelic-assisted therapy.

Dr. Miller's mixed methods research examines the role of spirituality in supporting management of common cancer-related symptoms and explores psilocybin-assisted therapy as a supportive care intervention among people with cancer who have been underrepresented in research. Megan is a creator of the *Creative Dying* conversation game, a Death Café facilitator, and a graduate from the California Institute of Integral Studies Certificate in Psychedelic-Assisted Therapies and Research program. They are passionate about examining applications of psychedelic-assisted therapy for facing illness, death, and grief, as well as exploring equitable community-based models for palliative and end-of-life care.



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Dr. Nelson's academic program focuses on systematic, early integration of palliative care with oncologic care and intensive care. She's been principal investigator of multiple career development and research awards from NIH, including an ongoing study of nurse-led discussions of health-related values with Latinx and other individuals facing cancer. She has led the Supportive Care Service at MSK and multiple national initiatives to enhance both specialist and "primary" (non-specialist) palliative care, such as the IPAL-ICU (Improving Palliative Care in the ICU) Project sponsored by NIH and the Center to Advance Palliative Care, and the Supportive Care Committee of the Alliance of Dedicated Cancer Centers.

She is currently leading the Palliative Care Domain of the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine's Palliative and End of Life Care Guidelines Project. She is also Chair of the Scientific Advisory Board of the FAME Project (Improving Family Members' Experience in the Intensive Care Unit), a multi-year, multi-million dollar research study sponsored by the French National Research Agency (ANR) to identify, prevent and mitigate PTSD in ICU families.



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Dr. Ntizimira is the winner of the prestigious Tällberg-Stervos Niarcos Foundation-Eliasson Global Leadership Prize 2021, for his passionate advocacy for palliative care in Rwanda and elsewhere in Africa, based on his deeply held belief that dignified end-of-life care is a human right.



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As a physician-scientist trained clinically in pediatrics, complex care, and palliative care, and with a PhD in anthropology, she has expertise in the care of children with serious illness and their families and a methodologic propensity to notice what unseen by the medical team. Her research focuses on illuminating unseen experiences of family caregivers of children with serious illness and medical complexity to better inform the medical team and in turn, enable the healthcare system to more effectively support those caregivers.

Over the past decade of bearing witness to families' caregiving experiences, she has come to recognize that family caregivers of children with serious illness and medical complexity are strikingly under-supported. Her current project aims to understand experiences of rest and recharge among family caregivers and use experience-based co-design to reimagine the respite care system. She is committed to applying experience-near methods and social science theory to advance the science of caregiver support.

Alongside this passion for finding better ways to support children with medical complexity and their families, Amy loves practicing yoga, spending time outside, and hanging with her husband, Steve, and their four daughters, Eloise, Olive, Ivy, and Beatrice.



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Enver received his training as Chaplain Resident at the UCSF Medical Center (2019-2020) as well as at the California Pacific Medical Center (2020-2021) in San Francisco. Since then, Enver has provided spiritual care for hospice patients at homes and facilities in San Francisco, and on the Inpatient Hospice service at UCSF Parnassus through By the Bay Health (BTBH), an affiliate of UCSF. Enver adheres to the Dalai Lama's notion of spiritual ethics Beyond Religion and finds his calling in holding sacred spaces of compassion within and beyond hospital walls.



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Over the past two years at Georgetown, Dr. Thomas has engaged in a variety of activities including research, hospital ethics consultations, teaching, and primary care. This year, he completed a master's degree in Catholic Clinical Ethics, sponsored by Georgetown and the Catholic University of America. For many years, he has worked as a physician moonlighter at Connecticut Hospice. He also has experience as a chaplain in the same institution and presently serves as chaplain at Memorial Sloan Kettering. His academic publications have appeared in a variety of medical journals (including under his non-religious name, John M Thomas), and his research and clinical interests include geriatrics, end-of-life care, and prognosis.



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Dr. Webb's clinical work focuses primarily on providing outpatient palliative care for patients in the Knight Cancer Institute concurrently with their oncologists, with special emphasis on the neuropsychiatric aspects of care for cancer patients. He conducts collaborative clinical research with colleagues at Duke University and Massachusetts General Hospital. This research team is currently conducting multiple randomized trials examining the role of early palliative care interventions for patients with hematologic malignancies undergoing curative intent treatments including patients undergoing bone marrow transplantation.

Dr. Webb has served on the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) guidelines committee for the Cancer-Related Fatigue panel, and was a member of the NCI Palliative and Supportive Care Editorial Board for the Physicians Data Query. He currently serves the Associate Editor in Chief for American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine's (AAHPM's) PC-FACS. He held multiple leadership roles in AAHPM and been honored by them an Inspirational Leader in Hospice and Palliative Care. He was also named an AAHPM Hearst Leadership Scholar and achieved Fellow status in the Academy. In 2020, he was named a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association.



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While raised in the Black Baptist Church, under the value and structures set therein, she developed an understanding of agape that informs her pastoral practice. This involves offering those she serves a quality of presence, combining empathetic understanding, attuned identification, and expression of compassion. She seeks to discover another's point of perceived need and bring resources to enhance wellbeing. Theologically understood as commitment to the continuation of the incarnation. It is a witness of "with-ness."



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