

3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL U.S. CELEBRATION OF

# World Hospice & Palliative Care Day

*A Virtual Coming Together*

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OCTOBER 3-4, 2022

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HEALING  
HEARTS &  
COMMUNITIES

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Co-hosted by the Memorial Sloan Kettering  
**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.

With one voice, we will celebrate the importance of palliative care to quality of life, and advocate for equitable access for all.

The WHPCD theme for 2022:  
**Healing Hearts and Communities**

The experience of grief and the need to heal unites humans worldwide. With more than six million deaths worldwide during the COVID-19 pandemic resulting in tremendous strain on healthcare systems and unprecedented grief and suffering for health workers and caregivers. In addition, several conflicts and wars are taking place around the globe, resulting in millions of families and caregivers grieving the deaths of family and friends, experiencing social isolation and property destruction.

Please join us on social media using the hashtags:

**#MSKWHPCD**

**#HealingHeartsandCommunities**

**#WHPCDay22**

For more information on World Hospice & Palliative Care Day, please visit the Worldwide Hospice Palliative Care Alliance at **[thewhpca.org](http://thewhpca.org)**.



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# 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 cancer and other serious illnesses.**

This innovative 2-day virtual conference is a U.S.-based “coming together” that strives to foster community building and wisdom sharing. A multidisciplinary group of palliative care leaders at the forefront of research, policy, and clinical practice will present on diverse topics, including dignity in care, racism and structural discrimination, and care for historically excluded populations.

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

- **Special breakout sessions** will include experts on moral suffering and burnout, palliative care for incarcerated persons, opioid use disorder, and medical aid in dying.
- A highlight of this meeting will be a session on the **patient experience** and a dedicated session on 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.
- Updates will be provided from the **Lancet Commission on Global Access to Palliative Care and Pain Relief** and the **Lancet Commission on the Value of Death**.
- Participants will engage in discussions with interprofessional and internationally based presenters about the **patient, family, and community implications for palliative care practice and scholarship**.
- An overall theme to **promote advocacy and leadership within the specialty** will be featured throughout the meeting.

This meeting is co-hosted by the Memorial Sloan Kettering Supportive Care Service and the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.

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## COMPLIMENTARY REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

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 **[uswhapcd@mskcc.org](mailto:uswhapcd@mskcc.org)**.

### 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.

### Educational Objectives

- 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.
- Address health disparities in hospice and palliative care and identify actionable methods to promote social justice.
- Discuss national and global advocacy efforts to promote universal access to palliative care as a component of universal health coverage.
- Describe innovative approaches to bolster moral resilience among hospice and palliative care workers.
- Describe ethical dilemmas encountered throughout the serious illness trajectory and employ best practices using interdisciplinary models.



## Live Virtual Format & Online Syllabus

This live virtual program will be delivered using Zoom. CME credit will be offered for this live virtual program. Detailed access and credit instructions will be emailed to attendees prior to the start of the course.

### Day 1 | Monday, October 3

New York (ET): 7:45 AM-1:05 PM

California (PT): 4:45 AM-10:05 AM

West Africa (UST): 12:45-6:05 PM

India (IST): 5:15-10:35 PM

### Day 2 | Tuesday, October 4

New York (ET): 11:45-6:10 PM

California (PT): 8:45 AM-3:10 PM

West Africa (UST): 4:45-11:10 PM

India (IST): 9:15 PM-3:40 AM (next day)

Additionally, registered attendees will receive **access to an online course syllabus, which includes select PDFs of the faculty presentations (slides) and recorded videos** from the course.

### Accreditation

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

### AMA Credit Designation Statement

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center designates this live activity for a maximum of **10.50 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

### NCPD credit will be awarded.

#### ANCC CNE Statement Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Nursing Professional Development/Continuing Education is accredited with distinction as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. NCPD credits will be awarded to participants who attend the program in its entirety and complete a program evaluation. Partial credit not awarded.

### Continuing Education for Licensed Psychologists in New York State\* This event offers 10.50 NYS Psychology Contact Hours.

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center is recognized by the New York State Education Department State Board for Psychology as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed psychologists #PSY-0166

\* Not all states accept NYS CEUs for Psychology.  
Please check with the licensing board in your state for guidance on their acceptance of the credit types offered for this course



## COURSE FACULTY

### **Ebtesam Ahmed**

[Patient]

### **Zipporah Ali, MD, MPH, MPC, HonDUniv**

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# SCHEDULE

All times listed below are U.S. Eastern Time (New York).


Monday, October 3, 2022	
7:45 AM	Virtual Course Check-in
8:00 AM	<b>Welcome and Orientation</b> Billy Rosa, PhD, MBE, NP-BC, FAANP, FAAN Judith Nelson, MD, JD William Breitbart, MD, FACLP, DFAPA, FAPOS Stephen Connor, PhD
8:15 AM	<b>ANNUAL WORLD HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE DAY LECTURESHIP</b> MODERATOR: Shila Pandey, DNP, AGPCNP-BC, ACHPN <div>  <div> <b>The Platinum Rule: A New Standard in Person Centred Care</b>            Harvey Max Chochinov, OC, MD, PhD, FRCPC, FRSC         </div> </div>
9:00 AM	Q&A/Discussion
9:15 AM	<b>An Update on Global Serious Health-Related Suffering from the Global Palliative Care and Pain Relief Research Hub</b> MODERATOR: Billy Rosa, PhD, MBE, NP-BC, FAANP, FAAN Renzo Calderon Anyosa, MD MSc PhD(c) Héctor Arreola-Ornelas, MSc Felicia Marie Knaul, PhD Julia Downing, RGN, BN, MMedSci, PhD Tania Pastrana, MD, PD Pedro Pérez-Cruz, MD, MPH
10:00 AM	Q&A/Discussion
10:15 AM	Break
10:20 AM	<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b> (Selection made at registration) <b>The Journey Ahead for Hospice &amp; Palliative Care Teams: Our Collective Suffering &amp; Healing the Wounds</b> MODERATOR: Rev Dr Laurie Andersen, D.Min., BCC Cynda Hylton Rushton, PhD, RN, FAAN Wendy G. Lichtenthal, PhD, FT Vickie Leff, MSW, LCSW, APHSW-C Carla Cheatham, MA, MDiv, PhD, TRT <b>Cancer Pain Management and Opioid Use Disorder: How Do We Move Forward?</b> MODERATOR: Lauren Akua Koranteng, PharmD, BCPS Jessica S. Merlin, MD, PhD Katie Fitzgerald Jones, MSN, APN Hailey Bulls, PhD Zack Sager, MD
11:05 AM	Q&A/Discussion



11:20 AM	Break
11:30 AM	<b>PATIENT CONVERSATION</b> <b>From Palliative Specialist to Patient: Lessons Learned</b> MODERATOR: Andrew Epstein, MD, FAAHPM Ebtesam Ahmed
12:00 PM	Q&A/Discussion
12:15 PM	<b>Advocacy Corner</b> MODERATOR: Anjali V. Desai, MD, MSCE Brynn Bowman, MPA
12:45 PM	Q&A/Discussion
1:00 PM	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Billy Rosa, PhD, MBE, NP-BC, FAANP, FAAN
1:05 PM	Adjourn

## Tuesday, October 4, 2022

11:45 AM	Virtual Course Check-in
12:00 PM	<b>Opening Comments and Welcome</b> Billy Rosa, PhD, MBE, NP-BC, FAANP, FAAN
12:05 PM	<b>Lancet Commission on the Value of Death</b> MODERATOR: Billy Rosa, PhD, MBE, NP-BC, FAANP, FAAN Raj Kumar Mani, MD, FRCP Libby Sallnow, MBBS, PhD Sam Guglani, FRCR
12:50 PM	Q&A/Discussion
1:05 PM	<b>VISITING VIRTUAL SCHWARTZ ROUNDS</b> MODERATORS: Andrew Epstein, MD, FAAHPM & Liz Blackler, MBE, LCSW-R SEATTLE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FACULTY: Alayne "Layne" Chapple, RN, MSN, FNP-BC Mallory Taylor, MD, MS Susan Ehling, MN, ARNP Gretchen VonHeder-Phillips, LICSW
1:50 PM	Q&A/Discussion
2:05 PM	<b>CAREGIVER CONVERSATION</b> MODERATOR: Allison Applebaum, PhD Claire Mauksch
2:35 PM	Q&A/Discussion
2:50 PM	Break

3:00 PM	<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b> (Selection made at registration)
	<b>Palliative Care for Incarcerated Persons</b> MODERATOR: Anjali V. Desai, MD, MSCE Edgar A. Barens, BFA/MFA Marvin Mutch Ladybird Morgan, RN, MSW, BCST Practitioner Michele DiTomas, MD, MS
	<b>World Perspectives on Medical Aid in Dying</b> MODERATOR: Liz Blackler, MBE, LCSW-R Zipporah Ali, MD, MPH (Kenya) Katerina Rusinova, MD, PhD (Prague) Susan Hedlund, MSW, LCSW, OSW-C (USA) María Adelaida Córdoba, MD (Colombia)
3:45 PM	Q&A/Discussion
4:00 PM	Break
4:05 PM	<b>INVITED RAPID FIRE TALKS</b>
	<b>Person and Family Centered HPC</b> MODERATOR: Shila Pandey, DNP, AGPCNP-BC, ACHPN Kailey E. Roberts, PhD <i>Bereavement Risk Screening as an Avenue for Bereavement-Conscious Palliative Care</i> Gary L. Stein, JD, MSW <i>Project Respect: LGBTQ+ Experiences with Healthcare Providers for Serious Illness</i> Rachel Hadler, MD <i>The Patient Dignity Question, Age, and Proximity to Death Among Patients with Cancer</i> Tamryn F. Gray, PhD, RN, MPH <i>Antiracist Approaches to Palliative Care Research</i> Natalie S. McAndrew, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, CCRN-K <i>Meaning-Focused Interventions for Family Caregivers and Application to Palliative &amp; Hospice Practice</i>
4:55 PM	Q&A/Discussion
5:15 PM	Break
5:20 PM	<b>CLOSING KEYNOTE: Dr. Richard Payne Lecture on Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging in Serious Illness</b> MODERATOR: Billy Rosa, PhD, MBE, NP-BC, FAANP, FAAN
	 <b>Seeing Ourselves Through Our Patients' Eyes: Building a Foundation for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Palliative Care and Hospice</b> Kimberly Angela Curseen, MD
5:50 PM	Q&A/Discussion
6:05 PM	<b>Closing Remarks and Thank You</b> Billy Rosa, PhD, MBE, NP-BC, FAANP, FAAN Shila Pandey, DNP, AGPCNP-BC, ACHPN Andrew Epstein, MD, FAAHPM Laurie J. Andersen, BCC, D.Min Liz Blackler, MBE, LCSW-R Anjali Varma Desai, MD, MSCE Lauren Akua Koranteng, PharmD, BCPS
6:10 PM	Adjourn

For additional details and to register, visit:

**[mskcc.org/WHPCD](https://mskcc.org/WHPCD)**

### Registration Fees

**Physicians (MDs, PhDs, and DOs):** \$75

**Nurses, PAs, and Other Healthcare Professionals:** \$50

**Industry Professionals\*:** \$135

\*Industry professionals may attend MSK CME activities for their own education. Marketing, sales, and promotion of products and services is strictly prohibited at MSK CME activities.

### Complimentary Registration & Additional Discounts

- **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](mailto:uswhapcday@mskcc.org)**.
- A registration discount is available for **MSK Alumni** and **MSK Cancer Alliance** to attend a MSK CME course. If you are a member of one of these groups, contact **[cme@mskcc.org](mailto: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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Please note that online registration is available on the MSK CME Portal (**[mskcc.org/WHPCD](https://mskcc.org/WHPCD)**) until 7:00 AM on October 3, 2022.

For additional details, including our cancellation policy, visit: **[mskcc.org/WHPCD](https://mskcc.org/WHPCD)**



# FACULTY BIOS

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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.

## **Mitigation of Relevant Financial Relationships**

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center adheres to the ACCME's Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education. Any individuals in a position to control the content of a CE activity, including faculty, planners, reviewers, or others are required to disclose all relevant financial relationships with ineligible companies (commercial interests). All relevant financial relationships have been mitigated prior to the commencement of the activity.

We'd like to extend a special thank  
you to our patient and caregiver.



**Ebtesam Ahmed**  
[Patient]



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[Caregiver]





**Zipporah Ali, MD, MPH, MPC, HonDUniv**

Retired Executive Director of Kenya Hospices and Palliative Care Association (KEHPCA)  
Chair, Non-communicable Disease Alliance  
Nairobi, Kenya

Dr Zipporah (Zippy) Ali is the current chair of the NCD Alliance Kenya and the Vice President of Africa Organization Training and Research in Cancer (AORTIC) East Africa. She retired from the position of Executive Director of Kenya Hospices and Palliative Care Association (KEHPCA), a position she held for 15 years. She serves on several national and international boards. Zippy has been and continues to be involved in advocacy and creating awareness on pain relief and palliative care and Universal Health Coverage in Kenya. In her leadership role as the Executive Director for KEHPCA, she was very instrumental in fostering strong relationships with the Ministry of Health to integrate palliative care into government hospitals. She was also instrumental in advocating for palliative care to be included in the undergraduate medical and nursing schools in Kenya.

She is a strong advocate for cancer prevention, control and treatment and was instrumental in developing the first National Cancer Control Strategy and the National Guidelines for Cancer Management-Kenya. She has also advocated for palliative care to be integrated in other non-communicable diseases as well as infectious diseases. She is a strong advocate for right to health for all and a supporter of the movement on meaningful involvement of persons living with serious health conditions. She has received a number of awards in recognition of her national and global work, including Doctor of Law Honoris Causa-University of Dundee (2018) and the International Humanitarian Award from Women4Africa (2018), among others.



**Laurie Andersen, BCC, D.Min**

Palliative Care Chaplain  
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The Rev. Dr. Laurie J. Andersen is the Palliative Care Chaplain on the Supportive Care team at Memorial Sloan Cancer Center in NYC. Ordained in the E.L.C.A., Laurie 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. Working closely with the interdisciplinary team at MSKCC, Laurie serves patients and families of all faiths, and those of no faith practice, seeking a way to effect inner peace by way of listening, creating ritual, meditation, or prayer. Laurie created and implemented a Spiritual Care Elective for fellows, further integrating chaplaincy into this setting and raising consciousness on the role of chaplain. In her diverse city context, she highlights the importance of an awareness of one's own culture, personality, and biases, as it affects listening to another and assessing another's spiritual distress or need. Laurie has spoken as a panelist in a variety of settings, including at the AAHPM Annual Conference and the last 2 year's World Hospice & Palliative Care Day for which she is on the Conference Planning Committee. She has co-created two posters on Spiritual Injury for AAHPM and has collaborated on a number of publications for *Journal of Palliative Medicine*, *Journal of Pain & Symptom Management*, and *Journal of Palliative Care*.



### **Renzo Calderon Anyosa, MD MSc PhD(c)**

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Renzo is a PhD student in Epidemiology at McGill University. He received his MD and MSc in Biomedical Informatics in Global Health at Cayetano Heredia University in Lima, Peru and has been working in public health since early in his career. His past research activities involved participating in interdisciplinary programs in global health with a focus on social epidemiology. Renzo's main interest is in understanding and evaluating public policies regarding social and gender inequality in healthcare.



### **Allison Applebaum, PhD**

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Dr. Allison Applebaum is an Associate Attending Psychologist in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK), and an Associate 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 100 articles, reviews, and book chapters on these topics, and is the editor of the textbook *Cancer Caregivers* (Oxford University Press, 2019). Dr. Applebaum has received competitive funding for her research, including awards from the National Cancer Institute, the National Institute of Nursing Research, the American Cancer Society, the T.J. Martell Foundation, and the van Ameringen Foundation.

**Héctor Arreola-Ornelas, MSc**

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He is Master in Health Economics from the Centre for Research and Teaching in Economics and the National Institute of Public Health and a BA in Economics from the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México. In 2005 he was awarded the First Prize for Research of the Global Development Network, in the category of Health and Institutional Development for his work "Preventing impoverishment, Promoting Equity and Protecting Households from financial crisis: Universal health insurance in Mexico Through Institutional Reform" written with Felicia Marie Knaul, Oscar Mendez and Martha Miranda. His areas of research include financial protection, policy and health systems, labor economics, economic evaluation and health and competitiveness. He has worked in the Mexican Social Security Institute, in the National Public Health Institute of Mexico, in the Center for Economic Research and Teaching, and in Mexican Health Foundation. He is the author of 75 research papers and 12 book chapters. He is also a member of the National System of Researchers in Mexico.

**Edgar A. Barens, BFA/MFA**

Presenter/Documentarian  
Humane Prison Hospice Project  
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As a documentary filmmaker Edgar has had a notable record of successful production in very stressful prison environments. Edgar's Academy Award nominated documentary - Prison Terminal - has been shown in hundreds of prisons, colleges, universities, and other community centers. Edgar takes great satisfaction in his ability to tackle large-scale problems within the American criminal justice system and present them on a very personal level so that the destructive impact of a dysfunctional correctional system can be made more palpable to the viewer. With Humane, Barens took on the mission to document one of the few positive programs that exists today behind bars in hopes that other facilities will emulate the prisoner-run hospice program and instill much needed dignity to dying in prison for all concerned.





**Liz Blackler, MBE, LCSW-R**

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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.



**Brynn Bowman, MPA**

Chief Executive Officer  
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Brynn Bowman, MPA, is chief executive officer for the Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC), which provides tools, training, and technical assistance to more than 1,700 health care organizations to improve the quality of care for patients with serious illness. She is an assistant professor in the Brookdale Department of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, and a current Health and Aging Policy Fellow where she serves with the US Senate Finance Committee.



**William Breitbart, MD, FACLP, DFAPA, FAPOS**

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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 Psychooncology - 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*.



**Hailey W. Bulls, PhD**

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Hailey W. Bulls, PhD, joined the University of Pittsburgh Section of Palliative Care & Medical Ethics as Assistant Professor in 2019. She completed her PhD in Medical/Clinical Psychology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, with a pre-doctoral internship at the James A. Haley VA and an R25-funded postdoctoral fellowship in Behavioral Oncology at Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, FL.

Broadly, Dr. Bulls' current research focuses on 1) mitigating the impact of opioid stigma on cancer patients with pain; 2) early identification cancer patients at risk for pain and neuropathy, with an emphasis on health equity; and 3) novel behavioral interventions to better manage pain.

She is the Associate Director of the Challenges in Managing and Preventing Pain Clinical Research Center. Dr. Bulls also evaluates experimental models of pain sensitivity and modulation using actigraphy and quantitative sensory testing. In her clinical time at UPMC Hillman Cancer Center, Dr. Bulls specializes in cognitive-behavioral interventions for acute and chronic pain for patients with cancer.



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The majority of her 15 years as an advanced practice provider she has worked in pediatric hematology/oncology, and palliative care. Her current areas of clinical interest are pediatric solid tumors, primarily sarcomas, adolescent and young adult care, and palliative oncology. From diagnosis to survivorship or end of life decisions, her approach to care is centered around honest and open dialogue, setting realistic expectations, and fostering shared decision-making amid shifting and evolving patient and family priorities and goals.



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She publishes books and videos about healthy leadership and organizations, resilience, communication, boundaries, trauma-informed care, post-traumatic growth, grief, service recovery, emotionally competent professionals and teams, and more. Learn more at [carlacheatham.com](http://carlacheatham.com) or by contacting Carla at 512-527-4455 or [carla@carlacheatham.com](mailto:carla@carlacheatham.com)



**Harvey Max Chochinov, OC, MD, PhD, FRCPC, FRSC**

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Dr. Harvey Max Chochinov is a Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Manitoba and a Senior Scientist and CancerCare Manitoba Research Institute. His research provides an empirical basis for understanding and addressing palliative and end-of-life care experiences for patients and their families. His more than 300 career publications have broached diverse topics such as depression, quality-of-life, suicide, vulnerability, spirituality, and existential distress towards end-of-life. He has also led a large program of research targeting issues related to dignity within the healthcare setting.

He is the co-founder of the Canadian Virtual Hospice and editor of *The Handbook of Psychiatry in Palliative Medicine* (Oxford University). His book, *Dignity Therapy: Final Words for Final Days* was the 2011 winner of the Prose Award. He has received top research awards from the Canadian Psychiatric Association, the Canadian Cancer Society, the American Association of Hospice and Palliative Care and the International Psycho-oncology Society; a lifetime achievement award from the Canadian Association of Psychosocial Oncology and the Canadian Medical Association's highest recognition, the FNG Starr Award. He is an Order of Manitoba recipient and an Officer in the Order of Canada. In 2020 he was inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame.



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Since 2016, she's worked as a palliative care pediatrician in two university hospitals developing the first pediatric palliative care programs in the country. She also participates in the development of palliative care for children in the country, through the Palliative Care Association of Colombia (ASOCUPAC) special interest group. Since 2020, she is the chair of the board of directors of ASOCUPAC, advocating for children and adults palliative care in Colombia and participating in the national program for palliative care.



**Stephen Connor, PhD**

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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 vicepresident 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.

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**Anjali Varma Desai, MD, MSCE**

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Anjali Varma Desai, MD, MSCE, is an Attending Physician on the Supportive Care and Hospital Medicine Services at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK). She received a BA degree with Distinction in History of Science, History of Medicine from Yale University, a medical degree from the New York University (NYU) School of Medicine, and a Master of Science in Clinical Epidemiology & Health Services Research from Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences. She completed her Internal Medicine residency training at the NYU School of Medicine, after which she completed a yearlong Research Fellowship, followed by a Clinical Fellowship, in Hospice & Palliative Medicine at MSK. She joined the MSK faculty with a dual appointment in Supportive Care and Hospital Medicine in 2018. Dr. Desai was promoted to Associate Program Director of the Hospice & Palliative Medicine Fellowship at MSK in 2021; in this capacity, she focuses on implementing diverse curricular initiatives, optimizing feedback mechanisms and strengthening collaborative partnerships within and outside of MSK.

Dr. Desai is also a 2021 recipient of a Kornfeld Scholars Program Award from the National Palliative Care Research Center for her project, “‘Values Added:’ Utilization and Effect of a ‘Patient Values Tab’ in the Electronic Health Record.” Her investigative interests lie at the intersection between palliative care, digital innovation and health equity implementation science. Dr. Desai’s research focuses specifically on leveraging digital health interventions to promote health equity in the delivery of palliative care, including person-centered care that is concordant with a patient’s core values, goals and personhood.



**Michele DiTomas, MD, MS**

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Dr. Michele DiTomas is the Chief Medical Executive over the Palliative Care Initiative with the California Correctional Health Care Services and Hospice Medical Director at the California Medical Facility. She earned her MD from the University of California, San Francisco and is board-certified in Family Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine. As Hospice Medical Director she works with the hospice team to create an environment within the prison setting where patients can live their final days with dignity, respect and comfort. Her team supports the patients in working toward compassionate release and, when this is not possible, providing a setting where they can have meaningful visits and often find reconciliation and closure at the end of life.

She has worked as a consultant through the UCSF Criminal Justice and Aging Project to train clinical and custodial staff on the special needs of older incarcerated people to the Hawaii and New York Department of Corrections as well as at Riker's Island Jail in New York City. In June of 2017 she participated in the UCSF collaboration with the Irish Prison Reform Trust focused on the role of international exchange in criminal justice reform. In September of 2019 she assisted in the facilitation of a cultural exchange program through Amend at UCSF which brings criminal justice leaders and policy makers from US systems to Norway to gain an understanding of the Scandinavian principles of normality, dignity and human rights in their prisons and jails.



**Julia Downing, RGN, BN, MMedSci, PhD**

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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.





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Sue Ehling (she/her) has 22 years-experience working as a nurse practitioner in pediatric oncology with solid tumor patients. Sue is an expert in supporting AYA patients, using a clinical focus on relationship building, which allows for deep conversations regarding goals of care. She graduated from Northeastern University in 1990 with a BSN and went on to complete her master's degree with a pediatric nurse practitioner focus from the University of Washington in 2000. She has worked in the outpatient oncology program at Seattle Children's Hospital since 1998. Sue's clinic areas of interest are in solid tumors, palliative care and decision making, trauma-informed care, and end of life care. Sue lives in Seattle, Washington with her husband and three young adult children. She enjoys paddleboarding, swimming, and playing pickleball.



**Andrew Epstein, MD, FAAHPM**

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Andrew Epstein, MD, 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.





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**Sam Guglani, BSc, MBBS, MRCP, FRCR, MA**

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Sam Guglani is a Consultant Clinical Oncologist in Cheltenham, UK, specialising in the management of lung and brain tumours. He chairs the Gloucestershire Hospitals Trust Law & Ethics group. He has Masters degrees in Ethics, from Keele, and Creative Writing, from Oxford. Director of Medicine Unboxed since he founded it in 2009, Sam uses the arts and creative industries to illuminate challenges in medicine. He is a published poet, writes for The Lancet, and his novel Histories was published in 2017.



**Rachel A. Hadler, MD**

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Rachel Hadler is an anesthesiologist, intensivist, palliative care physician and clinician-researcher at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine. Her research leverages mixed-methods approaches to assess and identify interventions in the communication and decision-making processes leading to aggressive interventions in critically and terminally ill patients. In addition to her research and clinical work, she serves on both local and national palliative care and ethics committees through the University of Iowa and the American Society of Anesthesiologists. In order to further her research and clinical aims of providing patient-centered care across all spectra of serious illness, she currently is engaged in additional implementation science training as a fellow in the VA Quality Scholars Program.



**Susan Hedlund, LCSW, OSW-c, FAOSW**

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Susan Hedlund, LCSW, has been a social worker in the health care field for more than thirty years and has extensive experience working with individuals and families facing life threatening illness and loss. She is currently the Director of Patient and Family Services at the Knight Cancer Institute at OHSU. She is an associate professor at the School of Medicine at Oregon Health & Sciences University, as well as the Graduate School of Social Work at Portland State University, and teaches in the palliative care certificate program at the University of Washington.

She is a past president of the National Association of Oncology Social Work, and received their Leadership Award in 1999, and the national American Cancer Society Quality of Life Award in 2009. She was a 2013 recipient of Sojourn's Award from the Cambia Foundation acknowledging innovations in palliative care.

She publishes on topics related to coping with illness, end of life issues, and loss, most recently in the Oxford University's Textbook on Social Work in Palliative Care and the Handbook of Oncology Social Work. She works with professional caregivers on issues of promoting resilience and attending to grief, burnout, and compassion fatigue. She is the mental health provider on Oregon's Disaster Medical Assistance team.



**Katie Fitzgerald Jones, MSN, APN, CARN-AP**

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Katie Fitzgerald Jones, MSN, APN, CARN-AP is a Palliative and Addiction Nurse Practitioner at VA Boston Healthcare System and PhD candidate at Boston College Connell School of Nursing. Her clinical and research interests include improving pain management, quality of life, and enhancing opioid safety in individuals with cancer and substance use disorder. Her clinical experience includes working with a novel Opioid Reassessment Clinic, developing a sustainable Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner Fellowship at Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Brigham and Women's Hospital, serving as the Palliative Nurse Director, and creating an innovative Palliative Care Program for older adults. Katie has been an active member of the Harvard Medical School Center for Palliative Care for the past ten years. Her research is funded by the Foundation of Addiction Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, and the National Institute of Nursing Research Predoctoral Fellowship Award (F31). Katie is also a Veterans Health Jonas Mental Health Scholar and American Academy of Nursing Jonas Health Policy Scholar, advocating nationally on equitable policies solutions that meet the needs of people living with chronic pain and addiction. She has authored several manuscripts and book chapters on the intersection between palliative care and substance use disorders and spoken nationally on various topics.

**Felicia Marie Knaul, PhD**

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Dr. Felicia Marie Knaul has dedicated more than three decades to academic, advocacy, and policy work in global health and social development to reduce inequities focusing on low-and middle-income countries, particularly in Latin America and the Caribbean. She currently serves as the Director of both The Institute for Advanced Study of the Americas and of Hemispheric and Global Affairs at the University of Miami. She is also a full professor at the Miller School of Medicine, with a secondary appointment at the School of Nursing and Health Studies, and a Member of the Cancer Control Program at Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Knaul is Co-Chair of the Lancet Commission on Cancer And Health Systems and of the Lancet Commission on Gender-based Violence and Maltreatment of Young People and. She previously chaired the Lancet Commission on Global Access to Palliative Care and Pain Relief and was the lead author of the Commission's final report, "Alleviating the access abyss in palliative care and pain relief – an imperative of universal health coverage." Knaul also founded and leads the Global Access to Palliative Care and Pain Relief Research Hub, a global network of over 20 researchers.

As a health and social sector economist, she dedicates herself to closing the global cancer and pain divides and guaranteeing access to palliative care, promoting gender equity and eliminating gender-based violence, reducing the impact of child maltreatment, and strengthening health systems around Universal Health Coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals.

To address these complex global challenges, Knaul maintains a synergistic program of research and advocacy, including as Founding President of Tómatelo a Pecho, a Mexican NGO dedicated to promoting women's health and equity. She also serves on several national and global philanthropic boards including the International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care, NCD Child and Esperanza United.

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Vickie has worked in healthcare for over 35 years in oncology, palliative care and hospice. Currently she is the Executive Director of the Advanced Palliative & Hospice Social Work Certification Program, the only evidence and exam based advanced practice certification for social workers in the field. She also teaches at the UNC School of Social Work in Chapel Hill. Vickie received her MSW from Simmons School of Social Work in 1984. She has been published in several peer review journals including Health Affairs.



**Wendy G. Lichtenthal, PhD, FT**

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He has contributions in noninvasive and invasive mechanical ventilation, ventilator-associated pneumonia and extracorporeal lung assistance. He has been the president of the Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine (ISCCM) and the Chief Editor of the Indian Journal of Critical Care Medicine.

Since the turn of the millennium, Dr Mani has been involved in the intersecting regions of Medicine, ethics, human rights and Law. He published, as the lead author, the seminal guidelines by the ISCCM for end-of-life care (EOLC). Since then he has been an advocate for EOLC, patient's rights and minimizing non-beneficial care. As a member of the End-of-Life Care in India Task Force (ELICIT) the initiatives to improve EOLC went beyond the professional sphere to the legal and policy levels of the country. He had impleaded in the landmark judgment Common Cause vs The Union of India in 2018 that established the Indian citizen's right to execute a Living Will and to refuse life supporting medical interventions. As a part of a multidisciplinary and multi professional task force he has worked with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) to develop two key papers: Definition of terms used in EOLC and a policy and standard operating procedure for the Do-not-attempt-resuscitation order (DNAR) for India. On a number of occasions, he has written op-eds and "middles" in leading newspapers and articles in the media to reach out to the public.



**Natalie S. McAndrew, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, CCRN-K**

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Dr. McAndrew is an Assistant Professor in the College of Nursing at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and holds an appointment as a Nurse Scientist for Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin, Froedtert Hospital. Her vision is collaborative, family-centered palliative care for all families of patients experiencing serious illness. Dr. McAndrew has studied end-of-life decisions in the ICU, nurse-promoted family engagement, and family caregiver experiences in the ICU when a family member becomes critically ill after a hematopoietic stem cell transplant. The need for early, proactive, and collaborative family-focused palliative care is a common thread in each of these projects. Her extensive clinical experience as an ICU nurse and Clinical Nurse Specialist inspired her to build a program of research that will advance the science of family engagement in palliative care. As a family nurse scholar, she is developing and testing palliative-based interventions for family caregivers of patients experiencing serious illness with a goal of translating efficacious interventions into routine clinical practice. Through the support of a Cambia Health Foundation Sojourns Scholar Leadership Award and an Oncology Nursing Foundation Research Grant, Dr. McAndrew is collaborating with caregiving research expert Dr. Allison Applebaum to pilot the intervention Meaning-Centered Psychotherapy for Cancer Caregivers with stem cell transplant family caregivers, a highly burdened caregiver population that receives little to no palliative care.



**Jessica S. Merlin, MD, PhD**

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Dr. Merlin is an Associate Professor in the division of General Internal Medicine and section of Palliative Care and Medical Ethics at the University of Pittsburgh (Pitt). She is a physician and is board certified in internal medicine, infectious disease, palliative care, and addiction medicine. She is also a PhD-trained behavioral scientist and NIH-funded clinician-investigator.

Her program of research focuses on the intersection of chronic pain and opioid misuse/use disorder across populations and settings, especially in individuals with serious illnesses like advanced cancer. To that end, she is the MPI of the NIH-funded Tailored Retention and Engagement for Equitable Treatment of Opioid use disorder and Pain (TREETOP) clinical research center, one of four NIH-funded centers focusing on the intersection of pain and opioid use disorder in the US, and the MPI of an R01 to investigate opioid benefits, risks, and decision making in individuals with advanced cancer. Her work in this area is widely published, and she serves as a scientific mentor to many PhD students, post-doctoral fellows, and faculty with similar interests.

Her commitment to mentoring goes beyond her own scientific mentees: she is the Director of Mentoring for the Institute for Clinical Research Education, Director of the General Internal Medicine clinical research fellowship, and Associate Program Director for research for UPMC's internal medicine residency program. She has been recognized nationally with a Sojourn Scholars Leadership Award from the Cambia Health Foundation, and with research awards American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, American Pain Society, and Association for Multidisciplinary Education and Research in Substance use and Addiction.





### **Ladybird Morgan, RN, MSW, BCST Practitioner**

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Program Director and Co-Founder of the Humane Prison Hospice Project: Ladybird Morgan has been working in end-of-life care as a registered nurse, social worker, and educator for over 20 years. Currently she facilitates the training of The Brothers Keepers at San Quentin, is a Palliative Care consultant with Mettlehealth.org, and supports Commonwealth's Cancer Help Program, Healing Circles, The New School and Last Acts of Kindness.



### **Marvin Mutch**

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Marvin Mutch is a formerly-incarcerated prison reform activist and co-founder of the Humane Prison Hospice Project where he is a Senior Advisor and the organization's Domestic and International Policy Advocate. Mr. Mutch served 41 years of an indeterminate 7-year to life sentence for a wrongful conviction suffered in 1975. He was freed in 2016 due wholly to the tireless efforts of Professor Heidi Rummel of the USC Post Conviction Justice Project, Professor Emerita Susan Rutberg from the Golden Gate University Innocence Project, and Attorney Michael Snedeker of Snedeker & Short. After a lifetime of experience in prison and carceral policy reform, Marvin is now set to apply his deep understanding towards advancing the human rights of system impacted families and incarcerated people everywhere.



### **Judith Nelson, MD, JD**

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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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Dr. Roberts is currently leading research projects on bereavement risk screening and web-based training of primary care providers in geriatric mental health and collaborates on adaptations of Meaning-Centered Psychotherapy, including for first responders, bereaved parents, and healthcare providers. Dr. Roberts is a member of the Association for Death Education and Counseling and the American Psychological Association.



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