Collaborative for Palliative Care presents

6TH INTERDISCIPLINARY AND INTERFAITH CONFERENCE ABOUT PALLIATIVE AND END OF LIFE CARE

The Art and Science of Palliative Care:

Where Medicine, Market and Meaning Meet

Thursday, April 3, 2014 • 11:30 am – 6:00 pm
Fordham University – West Harrison, New York

Friday, April 4, 2014 • 8:00 am – 4:15 pm
Westchester County Center – White Plains, New York
Welcome

We welcome you to the Sixth Interdisciplinary and Interfaith Palliative Care Conference of the Collaborative for Palliative Care, *The Art and Science of Palliative Care: Where Medicine, Market and Meaning Meet*. This convening draws scholars and practitioners from both regional and national venues, and should provide a fruitful opportunity for conversation and collegiality about important issues in our field.

This year’s conference opens on Thursday, April 3rd, with a half-day program and reception at the Fordham Westchester campus in West Harrison, NY, and will feature a keynote by Cary Reid, MD, Director of the Cornell Weill Translational Institute for Pain in Later Life and prominent researcher in geriatric palliative care.

On Friday morning, April 4, 2014, we will open our full-day program at the Westchester County Center with a keynote by nationally recognized palliative care researcher, R. Sean Morrison, Director of the National Palliative Care Research Center, and Hertzberg Palliative Care Institute, Mt. Sinai. Other highlights of the day include a panel of palliative care physicians led by Christopher Comfort, MD, Medical Director of Calvary Hospital, and a concluding plenary with Carol Levine, United Hospital Fund, focusing on family caregiving.

It is our privilege this year to confer the Collaborative for Palliative Care *Dr. Mary Ann Quaranta Awards* upon two individuals who have been long-standing members of the Collaborative. Dr. Mary Ann Quaranta was one of the founders of the Collaborative and a renowned social work educator and leader. We honor our award recipients today in conferring these awards in her name. The *Dr. Mary Ann Quaranta Distinguished Scholar Award* will be conferred upon Bruce Jennings, who is widely recognized for his unique work on bioethical issues. Dr. Barney Newman is the recipient of the *Dr. Mary Ann Quaranta Visionary Leadership Award*, for his outstanding leadership in introducing palliative care into primary care in WESTMED, and advancing the goals of workforce development and better patient care as part of health reform.

The Collaborative for Palliative Care strives to build the capacity of our community through the design and delivery of more humanistic education and training programs for our health professionals. We thank all of you who have made this conference possible.

Mary Beth Morrissey, PhD, MPH, JD, President
The 2014 Award Honorees

Dr. Mary Ann Quaranta Distinguished Scholar Award

Bruce Jennings, MA

Bruce Jennings, MA is Director of Bioethics at the Center for Humans and Nature. He teaches ethics at the Yale University School of Public Health and the New York Medical College. He is Senior Advisor and Fellow at The Hastings Center, where he served from 1991 through 1999 as Executive Director. Mr. Jennings has been active in the end of life care arena and has published widely on ethical issues in hospital treatment decision-making, palliative care, and hospice. He has served on the Board of Directors of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, and the Board of Trustees of the Hospice and Palliative Care Association of New York State. He is also co-founder of the “Decisions Near the End of Life” program, an educational and practice change program that was conducted in over 200 hospitals in 20 states from 1990-1996. He is coauthor of The Hastings Center Guidelines for Decisions on Life-Sustaining Treatment and Care Near the End of Life, Revised and Expanded Second Edition. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.

Dr. Mary Ann Quaranta Visionary Leadership Award

Barney D. Newman, MD

Barney D. Newman, MD, Medical Director, WESTMED Medical Group, P.C. is a board-certified internist who has over 25 years of progressive responsibility as a physician leader. He is currently the Medical Director for The Westchester Medical Group, P.C. where he is responsible for the clinical staff and organization and oversight of the clinical care provided by the group. He previously held a position as Associate Regional Medical Director of the Northeast Permanente Medical Group at Kaiser Permanente’s Northeast Region where he had budgetary and operational responsibilities for the operations and clinical quality of Kaiser’s delivery system in Westchester, New York and Southern Connecticut. In addition, he had responsibilities for clinical information systems for the entire Northeast territory. Dr. Newman has an academic appointment as Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at Cornell Medical College. He has served on the Editorial Advisory Board for the Permanente Journal and as the Managed Care Editor for Medscape. He has participated on numerous committees including Quality Assurance, Utilization Management, Peer Review, Credentials and Pharmacy and Therapeutics. Dr. Newman was awarded the Dorland People’s Choice Medical Director award for 2011. In addition to his professional credits, Dr. Newman now serves on the board for the Westchester Public/Private Partnership for Aging Services and the Collaborative for Palliative Care.
Keynote Speakers

Christopher P. Comfort, MD
Calvary Hospital

Carol Levine, MA
Families and Health Care Project
United Hospital Fund

R. Sean Morrison, MD
National Palliative Care Research Center
Hertzberg Palliative Care Institute

Cary Reid, MD, PhD
Cornell Weill Translational Institute for Pain in Later Life
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11:30 am – 12:00 pm    REGISTRATION

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm    WORKSHOPS

A-1. You’ve Got to be Heard: Patient Voices from Spanish Harlem, NYC

Nathan Boucher, PA-C, MS, MPA, CPHQ, Touro College of Health Sciences


Lucille, Winton, RN, BSN, Cancer Support Team
Lourdes Parra, BSW, Cancer Support Team

A-3. Pediatric Palliative Care: Ensuring the Best Practice Over Time and Through Change

Susan Pinckney, LCSWR, Sunshine Children’s Home and Rehabilitation Center
Alice Olwell, RN, BSN, HN-BC, Sunshine Children’s Home and Rehabilitation Center

A-4. Developing a Palliative Care Toolbox for Patients, Family, Caregivers and Clinicians: From Meaning to Market (workshop repeated at 3:00 pm)

Dena Shulman-Green, PhD, Yale University School of Nursing
Shelli Feder, RN, MSN, FNP-BC, Yale University School of Nursing

1:15 pm – 1:30 pm    BREAK

1:30 pm - 2:45 pm    WORKSHOPS

B-1. A Novel Palliative Care Hotline for Multiple Sclerosis Patients: An Interagency Project in Germany

Andrea Knies, MA, Department of Palliative Medicine, University Hospital of Cologne, Germany

B-2. The Evolution of a Hospital Palliative Care Service: Every Stage Has Meaning

Rajasekhar Bhuddavarapu, MD, Director of Geriatrics and Palliative Care, White Plains Hospital
B-3. Introducing Reflective Practice in Assessment of Pain in Older Adults

Moderator: Frederick J. Wertz, PhD, Professor, Psychology, Fordham University
Mary Beth Morrissey, PhD, MPH, JD, Global Healthcare Innovation Management Center, Fordham Schools of Business
Judith Dobrof, DSW, LCSW, Cancer Support Team
Gretchen Flint, JD, Pace Law School, John Jay Legal Services
Bruce Jennings, MA, Center for Humans and Nature

B-4. Recognizing the Value of MOLST and eMOLST: Part I

Patricia A. Bomba, MD, FACP, Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield & Med America Insurance Company.

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm BREAK

3:00 pm – 4:15 pm WORKSHOPS

C-1. Developing a Palliative Care Toolbox for Patients, Family, Caregivers and Clinicians: From Meaning to Market

Dena Shulman-Green, PhD, Yale University School of Nursing
Shelli Feder, RN, MSN, FNP-BC, Yale University School of Nursing

C-2. Implications of Reflective Practice for Family Caregiving Systems, Forensic Evaluation and Elder Abuse Reporting: Roundtable Discussion

Moderator: Frederick J. Wertz, PhD, Professor, Psychology, Fordham University

Panelists
Patricia Brownell, PhD, Fordham University
Judith Dobrof, DSW, LCSW, Cancer Support Team
Susan Ferlauto, Esq, Pace Women’s Justice Center
Gretchen Flint, JD, Pace Law School, John Jay Legal Services
Roberta Goodman, Esq, Pace Women’s Justice Center
Bruce Jennings, MA, Director of Bioethics, Center for Humans and Nature
Mary Beth Morrissey, PhD, MPH, JD, Global Healthcare Innovation Management Center
Julie Netherland, PhD, Drug Policy Alliance
Cary Reid, MD, PhD, Cornell Center for Translational Research on Aging,
Joy Solomon, Esq, Hebrew Home, Riverdale

C-3. Preserving Assets for the Long-Term: Financial and Legal Considerations

Fran Pantaleo, Esq, Bleakley, Platt & Schmidt, LLP
Anthony DeVito, PhD, CFP®

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C-4. Implementing MOLST: A Community Approach – Part II

Patricia A. Bomba, MD, FACP, Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield & Med America Ins.
Sara Butterfield, RN, BSN, CPHQ, CCM, IPRO, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization.
Christine Stegel, RN, MS, CPHQ, IPRO, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization.
Fred Ratto, Jr, BA, IPRO, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization.

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm The William F. Dawe Inaugural Memorial Lecture

Palliative Care in the 21st Century: Bringing Palliative Care Out of the Hospital and Into the Community

Cary Reid, MD, PhD, Cornell Weill Translational Institute for Pain in Later Life

6:15 pm – 7:30 pm AWARDS PRESENTATION and RECEPTION

The Dr. Mary Ann Quaranta Award Recipients:

Bruce Jennings, MA, Center for Humans and Nature

Barney D. Newman, MD, WESTMED Medical Group

WE REMEMBER

William F. Dawe died unexpectedly on September 15, 2013 in the midst of the Collaborative for Palliative Care planning for this year’s conference. We remember him fondly and with utmost gratitude for his work with members of the Collaborative. As a Vice Chair of the Collaborative, Bill was instrumental in the organization and implementation of each of the previous five conferences sponsored by the Collaborative. He oversaw many aspects of the conference planning and spearheaded the fundraising. He was known for his financial acumen, attention to a myriad of details and his humorous, fun-loving spirit. Bill held the position of Director of Community Relations and Professional Liaison at Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester. For all his years of dedication to the Collaborative, in November 2012, the Collaborative conferred upon William Dawe, the Dr. Mary Ann Quaranta Distinguished Leadership Award. In his memory, the Collaborative has established The William F. Dawe Memorial Lecture, which will be inaugurated at our sixth conference on Thursday, April 3rd, at 4:30 PM.
Conference Program - April 4, 2014

8:00 am REGISTRATION

8:30 am – 8:45 am WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

Mary Beth Morrissey, MPH, PhD, JD, President
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Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services
Kevin J. Plunkett, Esq, Deputy County Executive, Westchester County

Invocation

The Reverend Bruce Page, Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester

8:45 am – 10:15 am KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Palliative Care and the Future of Medicine

R. Sean Morrison, MD, National Palliative Care Research Center, the Hertzberg Palliative Care Institute, and the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Moderator and Discussant:
Falgungi K. Sen, PhD, Global Healthcare Innovation Management Center, Fordham Schools of Business

10:15 am – 10:30 am BREAK

10:30 am – 11:45 am ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Translation of Palliative Care into the Field of Medicine

Moderator: Christopher P. Comfort, MD

Panel of Palliative Medicine Physicians:

Rajasekhar Bhuddhavarapu MD, Director of Palliative Medicine, White Plains Hospital
Ephraim Casper MD, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Basking Ridge
James A. Fausto, MD, Montefiore Medical Center, Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Dana Lustbader, MD, Head of Palliative Medicine, North Shore-LIJ Health System
R. Sean Morrison, MD, National Palliative Care Research Center,
Barney D. Newman, MD, Medical Director, WESTMED Medical Group
Cynthia X. Pan, MD, Chief of Palliative Medicine, NY Hospital Queens
Cary Reid, MD, PhD, Cornell Weill Translational Institute for Pain in Later Life
Cardinale B. Smith, MD, Assistant Professor, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
11:45 am – 12:30 pm  LUNCH

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm  LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

*Fading Memories Become Eternal Artworks: The Alzheimer’s Glass and Metal Project*

Rosemarie Oakman, Alfred University

12:30 pm – 1:45 pm  WORKSHOPS

**A-1. Addressing Palliative Care for Individuals with Alzheimer’s Disease**

Matthew Baumgart, Senior Director of Public Policy, Alzheimer’s Association
R. Sean Morrison, MD, National Palliative Care Research Center,


Darren Arthur, MSW, LCSW, Beth Israel Comprehensive Cancer Center

**A-3. Pain and Symptom Management**

Christopher P. Comfort, MD, Medical Director, Calvary Hospital

**A-4. Communication Approaches: Explaining Palliative Care to the Public**

Bruce Jennings, MA, Director of Bioethics, Center for Humans and Nature
Lisa Morgan, BA, Interim Chief Communications Officer, Center to Advance Palliative Care
Christina Staudt, PhD, Westchester End of Life Coalition, Columbia University

**A-5. The Rising Dove Program: Building a Comprehensive Palliative Care Program in a Skilled Nursing Facility**

Geri Brooks, NP, RN, MSN, Vice President of Geriatrics, United Hebrew
Elaine Healy, MD, Vice President of Medical Affairs, United Hebrew
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**A-6. Legacy Building – Creating Memories in Pediatric Palliative Care**

Gabrielle Bellettieri, MA, Maria Fareri Childrens Hospital, Westchester Medical Center
Tricia Hiller, MS, CCLS, Maria Fareri Childrens Hospital, Westchester Medical Center
Lauren Nittoli, MS, CCLS, Maria Fareri Childrens Hospital, Westchester Medical Center
Laurie Park, LCAT, MT-BC, Maria Fareri Childrens Hospital, Westchester Medical Center
Jeannie Sweeney, MA, CCLS, Maria Fareri Childrens Hospital, Westchester Medical Center
1:45 pm – 1:55 pm  BREAK

1:55 pm – 3:10 pm  CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

B-1. The New Frontier: Outpatient Medical Group Palliative Care
   Barney D. Newman, MD, Medical Director, WESTMED Medical Group
   Maura Del Bene, NP, Associate Director of Palliative Care, WESTMED Medical Group

B-2. Finding Meaning One Patient at a Time: Multidisciplinary Palliative Care in Home Care
   Irene Edelmann, RN, BSN, Visiting Nurse Association of Hudson Valley
   Linda Fraser, RN, BSN, CHPN Visiting Nurse Association of Hudson Valley
   Tony Susi, ACSW, ACHP-SW Visiting Nurse Association of Hudson Valley

B-3. Oral Health in the Palliative Care Patient: Throughout the Illness Continuum
   Rose Anne Indelicato, MSN,ANP-BC,ACHPN,OCN, Montefiore New Rochelle
   Anne Johnston, MSN,ACNS-BC,CI C, Montefiore New Rochelle

B-4. A Journey of Grief: Depictions of Grief and Human Connection Through Classic Art
   Stephen Krau, RN, PhD, Assoc. Professor, Vanderbilt University

B-5. One Hospital’s Approach to Meeting the Goals of the Palliative Care Information Act
   Wendy S. Edwards, MD, Director, Palliative Medicine, Lenox Hill hospital
   David C. Leven, JD, Director, Compassion and Choices of NY

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm  AFTERNOON KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Family Caregiving and Palliative Care: Aligning Theory, Practice and Policy

Carol Levine, MA, Families and Healthcare Project, United Hospital Fund

4:15 pm  CLOSING AND EVALUATIONS
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Presenter Biographies - Conference Program

April 3, 2014

You've Got to be Heard: Patient Voices from Spanish Harlem, NYC

Nathan Boucher, PA-C, MS, MPA, CPHQ, is Director of Graduate Education and Assistant Professor, Touro College School of Health Sciences, Physician Assistant Program. A longtime advocate for vulnerable populations, he recently developed bilingual health choice empowerment workshops in East Harlem for New York City Housing Authority senior residents. This project also incorporated community-based focus groups that focused on consumer health care decision-making. Previously, he served as a member of the board of the Public Health Association of New York City. He is currently in the dissertation phase of the doctor of public health degree at SUNY-Downstate School of Public Health.

Another Kind of Pain: Insurance and Resource Issues for the Seriously Ill

Lucille Winton, RN, BSN, Columbia University School of Nursing has over 45 years of experience as a nurse administrator and senior executive in a variety of health care settings including public health, home care, long term home health care, hospice and skilled nursing facilities. She was previously Director of Beth Abraham Hospital Hospice, Hospice of Rockland, United Hospital Hospice and Jansen Memorial Hospice. She is responsible for overseeing Nursing, Social Work and Case Management services provided by Cancer Support Team.

Lourdes Parra, BSW, a graduate of the college of New Rochelle, is a Case Manager at the Cancer Support Team. She has 11 years experience in the field of Case Management. Ms Parra, who is bi-lingual, has developed an expertise in the field of entitlements and benefits, including Social Security, federal benefits, Department of Social Services NYS Benefits, and private foundation and other organization financial assistance benefits for patients and families. Ms. Parra has held positions at various Social Service Agencies, including Open Door Health Services, Southern Westchester BOCES Literacy Program and The Even Start Family Health Literacy Partnership.
**Pediatric Palliative Care: Ensuring the Best Practice Over Time and Through Change**

**Susan Pinckney, LCSW-R** is Sunshine’s Director of Social Work & Related Services. In this capacity, Ms. Pinckney provides leadership and administrative oversight for Social Services, Admissions, Palliative Care and the Volunteer program. She serves as Chair of the Ethics and Palliative Care committees. Her dedication to serving the needs of children, adolescents and families has enabled her to work in a variety of systems including child welfare, community youth programs, substance abuse treatment, school-based mental health and healthcare.

**Alice Olwell, RN, BSN, HN-BC**, is Complementary Care Manager at Sunshine Children’s Home. She supervises and conducts a program of healing modalities that includes Reiki, Therapeutic Touch, aromatherapy, massage and music therapy. She also oversees pain management for the children and is an active member of the Palliative care Team. It has been the joy of her life, for the past 25 years, to bring comfort to children with special needs and their families, during the course of their illness and especially at their journey’s end.

**A Novel Palliative Care Hotline for Multiple Sclerosis Patients: An Interagency Project in Germany**

**Andrea Knies, MA** is a doctoral student (Public Health) in the Department of Palliative Medicine at the University Hospital of Cologne, Germany, where she had been a Research Fellow from 2010 to 2013. Andrea completed her undergraduate studies in Psychology at the University of Cologne. She is interested in the needs and concerns of patients with chronic and/or life-threatening disease and their informal caregivers. At the University Hospital of Cologne, Andrea counseled multiple sclerosis patients and their informal caregivers through a palliative care counseling hotline she implemented in cooperation with the German Multiple Sclerosis Society. She also initiated a network of health care professionals and researchers with a background in neurology and/or palliative care in order to develop a comprehensive care concept for multiple sclerosis by integrating palliative care.
Rajasekhar Buddhavarapu, MD, better known as “Dr. Buddha”, is Director of Geriatrics and Palliative Care at White Plains Hospital. Dr. Buddhavarapu is board certified in Internal Medicine, Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine. Dr. Buddha came to White Plains Hospital from NY Downtown Hospital where he served as Chief of Geriatrics. He earned his medical degree from Osmania Medical College in India and completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Brookdale Hospital and New York Downtown Hospital. Dr. Buddha completed his fellowship in Geriatrics from Flushing Hospital and Medical Center. Dr. Buddha has a private consultative practice and is the primary care physician at several assisted livings in Westchester County. Dr Bhudda has been a member of the Collaborative for Palliative Care.

Introducing Reflective Practice in Assessment of Pain in Older Adults

Mary Beth Quaranta Morrissey, PhD, MPH, JD, a founder and president of the Collaborative for Palliative Care, is a Fellow of the Global Healthcare Innovation Management Center, and directs the Post-Masters Health Care Management Certificate Program in Public Health, Palliative Care and Long-Term Care, Fordham University Schools of Business. Dr. Morrissey received her PhD, JD and BA from Fordham University, and her MPH from the New York Medical College School of Health Sciences and Practice. She is a gerontological social work researcher and a leading New York health care attorney, concentrating her practice to pain, palliative and end-of-life care, and health care decision making. She serves nationally for the Gerontological Society of America and other national organizations as a subject matter advisor on issues related to care for seriously ill persons, pain and drug availability. Her scholarship and practice guide her research program on pain, suffering and traumatic illness among older adults, and palliative care responses and environments. Dr. Morrissey currently serves as president of the State Society on Aging of New York; president-elect of the Public Health Association of New York City; chair of the Subcommittee on Palliative Care, Bioethical Issues Committee of the New York City Bar Association; co-chair of the Elder/Health Law Committee of the Westchester Women’s Bar Association, and Health Law Committees of the Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York and the Westchester County Bar Association. She is also Vice President of the Westchester Public/Private Partnership for Aging Services.
Judith Dobrof, DSW, LCSW is Executive Director of Cancer Support Team, the only New York State licensed home care program that is solely cancer focused and that offers free nursing, counseling and other supportive services at any stage of the disease to those affected by cancer in lower Westchester County. Dr. Dobrof oversees fundraising, operations, regulatory compliance, clinical services and program development and has expanded CST’s services to reach diverse populations throughout lower Westchester. In addition, Dr. Dobrof is Assistant Clinical Professor, Preventive Medicine, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Previously, Dr. Dobrof was in the Department of Social Work Services, Mount Sinai Medical Center, as a clinical social worker and subsequently as Assistant Director of the Department. In addition, she was founding director of the Caregivers and Professionals Partnership (CAPP,) a hospital-wide program to strengthen Mount Sinai’s responsiveness to the needs of family caregivers. Dr. Dobrof received a Social Work Leadership Award grant through the Soros Foundation’s Open Society Institute Project on Death in America to evaluate CAPP’s effectiveness with family caregivers. Most recently, she received the Dr. Mary Ann Quaranta Distinguished Leadership Award for her efforts to increase palliative care services in Westchester and beyond.

Bruce Jennings, MA

Gretchen M. (Gretchen) Flint, JD is Executive Director of John Jay Legal Services at Pace University School of Law where she directs the Law School’s client representation clinics and externships. Professor Flint teaches Elder Law and supervises the Equal Justice America Disability Rights Clinic in which law students represent elderly and disabled persons and their families. Previously she was the Director of the Elderly Project at Volunteers of Legal Service and Managing Attorney of the Legal Department of the New York City Commission on Human Rights. She is co-chair of Westchester Residential Opportunities. She is a graduate of Barnard College and Columbia University School of Law.

Recognizing the Value of MOLST and eMOLST

Patricia A. Bomba, MD, FACP is a nationally-recognized palliative care and end-of-life expert who designs and oversees the implementation of community projects. Dr Bomba is Director of Geriatrics for Excellus BlueCross BlueShield and is a member of the Institute of Medicine’s Committee on Transforming End of Life Care. She chairs the MOLST Statewide Implementation Team and the National Healthcare Decisions Day New York State Coalition, serves as eMOLST Program Director and New York State’s representative on the National POLST Paradigm Task Force. She is board certified in both Internal Medicine and Geriatrics and spent most of her career in private practice caring for frail elders and their families and caregivers. She is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Rochester and the State University of New York Upstate Medical University.
Developing a Palliative Care Toolbox for Patients, Family, Caregivers and Clinicians: From Meaning to Market

Dena Schulman-Green, PhD is a gerontologist whose program of research relates to palliative care and self-management of serious chronic illness. She earned a B.A. in Psychology from Boston University, an Ed.M and an M.A. in Counseling Psychology from Columbia University, and an M.S. and a Ph.D. in Gerontology from the University of Massachusetts Boston. Dr. Schulman-Green completed post-doctoral training in Oncology and End-of-Life care at Yale School of Nursing, and joined the faculty as a Research Scientist in 2003. Her work focuses on elucidating the experiences and self-management practices of individuals with cancer and their family members as they cope with cancer, and on developing and testing interventions to support self-management.

Shelli Feder RN, MSN, FNP-BC is a doctoral student from Yale University whose program of research focuses on palliative care in older adults. She is currently employed as a nurse practitioner with the palliative care medical team at Connecticut Hospice Inc. Mrs. Feder was selected as a 2013-2015 National Hartford Centers for Gerontological Nursing Excellence Patricia G. Archbold Scholar. Her research interests center on end-of-life and palliative care for older adults with cardiac disease. Her dissertation will focus on the palliative care needs of older adults with decompenated heart failure. Mrs. Feder is an active member of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, and the National Hartford Centers of Gerontological Nursing Excellence.

Implications of Reflective Practice for Family Caregiving Systems, Forensic Evaluation and Elder Abuse Reporting

Roundtable Moderator:

Frederick J. Wertz, PhD, Professor of Psychology at Fordham University, received his PhD from Duquesne University in Phenomenological Psychology. His scholarship focuses on the philosophical foundations, research methodology, qualitative analytic methods, theoretical problems, cultural context, and scientific status of psychology. He has written meta-scientifically about psychoanalysis, cognitive psychology, psychometrics, humanistic psychology, and qualitative research. With empirical investigations, he has contributed to the development of phenomenological research methodology. He co-edited Advances in Qualitative Research in Psychology: Themes and Variations (1987, Swets North America), edited The Humanistic Movement: Recovering the Person in Psychology (1994, Gardner Press), and coauthored Five Ways of Doing Qualitative Analysis: Phenomenological Psychology, Grounded Theory, Discourse Analysis, Narrative Research, and Intuitive Inquiry (2011, Guilford Publications). He received the Distinguished Teaching Award in the Sciences and the Outstanding Professor Award at Fordham, where he chaired the Department of Psychology.
Preserving Assets for the Long-Term: Financial and Legal Considerations

Frances Pantaleo, Esq., is a partner at Bleakley Platt & Schmidt in White Plains. Ms. Pantaleo handles a broad range of matters with a particular emphasis on elder law, special needs planning, guardianship proceedings under Article 81 of the Mental Hygiene Law and Article 17A of the Surrogate’s Court Procedure Act, drafting and administration of special needs trusts, estate planning, drafting of wills and trusts, and estate administration. She is a graduate of New York University Law School (J.D., 1979), and City University of New York’s Brooklyn College (B.A., 1977) (summa cum laude). Ms. Pantaleo is the Chair of the Elder Law and Special Needs Section of the New York State Bar Association and a member of the Trusts and Estates Section. She is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and is a member and has served as past-chair of the Elder Law Committees of the Westchester Women’s Bar Association and the Westchester County Bar Association.

Anthony J. DeVito, PhD, CFP(R) is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ who has been a source of sound investment management and comprehensive financial planning for over 25 years. Anthony acts as a fiduciary in all his work with clients, always putting his client’s interests ahead of his own. He is a fee-only advisor, accepting no commissions, thereby maintaining objectivity in any investments he recommends. Anthony was an educator and researcher at Fordham University for many years. He uses these skills to help his clients plan their financial future as life offers new challenges and opportunities. Throughout his career, Anthony has been active in organizations that seek to educate the Westchester community. He is past-President of the Financial Planning Association (FPA) of the Greater Hudson Valley and is active in the FPA’s pro bono work. He is also a long-time member of the National Association for Personal Financial Advisors (NAPFA), an organization devoted to fee-only financial planning.

Implementing MOLST: A Community Approach

Patricia A. Bomba, MD, FACP, Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield & Med America

Sara Butterfield, RN, BSN, CPHQ, CCM, is IPRO’s Senior Director of Health Care Quality Improvement and serves as Project Lead for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services’ (CMS) 10th Scope of Work Integrating Care for Populations and Communities initiative. Ms. Butterfield is responsible for facilitating and managing quality improvement initiatives addressing the National Quality Improvement Priorities for Medicare beneficiaries, as identified by CMS. Since joining IPRO in July 1998, Ms. Butterfield has coordinated collaborative partnerships with acute care hospitals, private physician practices and health care providers on a cross-setting, multidisciplinary level to facilitate performance improvement initiatives in support of CMS’ project objectives. Ms. Butterfield holds a Bachelors of Science Degree in Nursing from Russell Sage College, Troy, NY. She received the Certified Case Manager credential from the Commission for Case Manager Certification and is a Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality, through the national Healthcare Quality Certification Board.
Christine Stegel, RN, MS, CPHQ, is a Senior Quality Improvement Specialist for IPRO, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for New York State, in contract with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Her most recent experience is facilitating cross-setting partnerships between community health care providers and service organizations in an effort to improve communication and care coordination as Medicare beneficiaries move between care settings during treatment of an acute or chronic illness. Her responsibilities at IPRO also include collaborating with health care providers and industry stakeholders and participating on the Care Transitions Health Care Quality Improvement Team. She is knowledgeable of evidence based strategies that can be used in an effort to reduce “avoidable” 30-day hospital readmissions. Ms. Stegel has over twenty-five years of home health care experience, inclusive of direct care delivery, multidisciplinary supervision, performance improvement, and operations management.

Fred Ratto, Jr, BA, Quality Improvement Specialist at IPRO, the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization

Katie Orem, MPH, is with the Excellus BlueCross BlueShield where she serves as the geriatrics and palliative care program manager and the eMOLST Administrator for New York. She supports the evaluation and expansion of geriatric, palliative and end-of-life care initiatives internally, across New York State and nationally, through collection of data and analysis of outcomes. Katie has been working on advance care planning, palliative and end-of-life care with Dr. Bomba at Excellus BlueCross BlueShield since 2006. Katie received a Masters in Public Health from Yale School of Public Health.

Palliative Care in the 21st Century: Bringing Palliative Care Out of the Hospital and Into the Community

M. Carrington Reid, MD, PhD, directs Cornell’s Center of Excellence in Geriatric Medicine and the Office of Geriatric Research housed in the Division of Geriatrics at Weill Cornell. Dr. Reid’s work over the past decade has focused on the epidemiology and treatment of persistent pain disorders in older adults. This work has involved elucidating risk factors for poor outcomes (e.g., declines in physical performance), as well as the development and testing of non-pharmacologic interventions to improve outcomes, with a particular emphasis on behavioral treatment approaches for use by older adults with chronic pain. He currently serves as the Director of Cornell’s Edward R. Roybal Center for Translational Research on Aging. The goals of this center include: (1) translating the findings of basic behavioral, medical, public health, and social science research into treatments, intervention programs, and policies that improve the health and well-being of older adults who suffer from or are at increased risk for pain; (2) promoting translation of evidence-based practices, treatments, and interventions across diverse venues to improve management of pain; and (3) developing and testing innovative methods, tools, and strategies that facilitate successful translation of evidence into practice.
Palliative Care and the Future of Medicine

R. Sean Morrison, MD, FAAHPM, is Director of the National Palliative Care Research Center, a national organization devoted to increasing the evidence base of palliative care in the United States. He is also the Director of the Hertzberg Palliative Care Institute; Professor of Geriatrics and Medicine; and Hermann Merkin Professor of Palliative Medicine in the Brookdale Department of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York City. During 2009-2010, he served as President of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. Dr. Morrison is the recipient of numerous awards, including a American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine PDIA Palliative Medicine National Leadership Award, Excellence in Research Award, Presidential Citation to the National Palliative Care Research Center, and Visionary Award; the American Cancer Society’s Distinguished Achievement in Cancer Award; the American Geriatrics Society’s Outstanding Achievement for Clinical Investigation Award; the Open Society Institute Faculty Scholar’s Award of the Project on Death in America; a Paul Beeson Faculty Scholars Award; a Brookdale National Fellowship; and a Faculty Council Award from the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. He is currently Principal Investigator of an NIA funded five-year multisite study on improving the management of pain in older adults. R. Sean Morrison received his BA from Brown University and his MD from the University of Chicago Pritzker School Of Medicine. He completed his residency training at the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center followed by fellowship training at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City. He has been on the faculty of the Department of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine and Department of Medicine at Mount Sinai since 1995.

Moderator and Discussant

Falguni K. Sen, PhD, Director of the Global Healthcare Innovation Management Center at Fordham University’s Schools of Business, focuses on how innovations happening globally can benefit many countries in reducing the cost of healthcare and in increasing access. While his prior work has been in the area of policy research in the globalization of the drug discovery process, he is currently conducting research on measures of health outcomes that go beyond measures of healthcare efficiency. Such measures may be used to study the impact of innovations as well as organizational changes such as consolidation of hospitals. Professor Sen is also Professor of the Management Systems area at Fordham’s Business Schools and specializes in the strategic management of science, technology and innovations, and has consulted with technology managers and R&D managers of many corporations in U.S., China, India, Switzerland and Ireland.
Translation of Palliative Care into the Field of Medicine

Moderator:

Christopher P. Comfort, MD, joined Calvary Hospital as Medical Director in 1999. Calvary is the nation's only fully accredited acute care specialty hospital devoted exclusively to providing palliative care to adult advanced cancer patients. Prior to Calvary, Dr. Comfort practiced general and geriatric medicine from his practice in the Bronx, NY. He has been an Attending Physician at numerous hospitals in New York including Bronx Municipal Hospital Center, Morningside Nursing Facility, Montefiore Medical Center Weiler Division, Westchester Square Hospital Center, and Sound Shore Medical Center. He has been an Instructor in Internal Medicine and continues to serve as an Attending Teaching Physician at Bronx Municipal Hospital Center. Dr. Comfort was graduated from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California and the St. Louis University School of Medicine. He completed an Internship and Residency at Bronx Municipal Hospital Center and is board certified in Internal Medicine (1987) and Geriatrics (1995).

Fading Memories Become Eternal Artworks: The Alzheimer’s Glass and Metal Project

Rosemarie Oakman was born and raised in New York’s Hudson Valley. Growing up she spent summers and winters in London, England where she completed several short courses at the prestigious Central Saint Martin’s College of Art and Design. She is currently a senior at Alfred University pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree (BFA) with a minor in Gerontology. Rosemarie is concentrating in Metal Casting with a focus on cupola cast iron. Her deep love for the elderly was merged with her passion for metal casting to form the genesis of the “Alzheimer’s Glass and Iron Project” (a ground breaking cross generational community arts project benefiting the Alzheimer’s Association). She is founder and director of this multifaceted, landmark program for which she was awarded Alfred University’s 2014 Richard V. Bergren Jr. Student Innovation Award. This Fall, Ms Oakman will begin a fellowship at Salem Art Works in Salem, New York where she hopes to establish the Alzheimer’s Glass and Iron project as a not-for-profit organization.
**Addressing Palliative Care for Individuals with Alzheimer’s Disease**

Matthew Baumgart is the Senior Director of Public Policy for the Alzheimer’s Association. His portfolio includes overseeing state government affairs, the public health project with the Centers for Disease Control, and the Policy Development Department. Prior to joining the Association, Baumgart worked for nearly 18 years in the United States Senate. Most recently, he was Legislative Director for Senator Barbara Boxer of California. Prior to working for Senator Boxer, Baumgart worked for over 10 years for then-Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr. of Delaware, primarily as Legislative Assistant for social policy issues, including health care. Between his tenure in the Senate and his joining the Alzheimer’s Association in September 2009, Baumgart was the Associate Director of the Initiative on Financial Security at the Aspen Institute in New York City. Baumgart is a native of Seattle, and has a degree in Communications, with a second major in Political Science, from Washington State University in Pullman, WA.

R. Sean Morrison, MD

**Social Work Practice with LGBT Patients Facing End of Life: A Cultural Perspective**

Darren Arthur, MSW, LCSW, OSW-C is a bilingual, English/Spanish, practitioner with expertise in oncology, palliative and end-of-life care, mental health, HIV/AIDS and LGBT clinical practice. Darren currently works as an oncology social worker at Beth Israel Comprehensive Cancer Center and as a group facilitator with Gilda’s Club New York City. He is on faculty at NYU Silver School of Social Work teaching in the BSW, MSW and post-graduate programs. Darren presents both locally and nationally, and is a Certified Field Instructor supervising MSW students. Darren has a Post-Master’s Certificate in Palliative and End-of-Life Care and in 2011 was selected as a Fellow for the NYU Social Work Leadership Fellowship in Palliative and End of Life Care. In 2013 Darren was awarded the Emerging Social Work Leader Award from NASW NYC - recognizing exemplary leadership qualities, dedication, and unique commitment to the social work profession and improvement of social and human conditions. Also in 2013, he was awarded an AOSW Regional Conference Scholarship. Darren sits on the NYU Silver School of Social Work’s Dean’s Advisory Council and is a member of the NYC “Living with Cancer” Conference Planning Committee.

**Pain and Symptom Management**

Christopher Comfort, MD
Communication Approaches: Explaining Palliative Care to the Public

Bruce Jennings, MA

Lisa Morgan BA, is current Interim and Chief Communications Officer for the Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC) (2002-2012). Specializing in advancing the issues of palliative care and other difficult-to-communicate healthcare delivery areas, Lisa Morgan understands the importance of developing smart messaging, bold positioning and controlling the larger media debate. Lisa's unique expertise combines deep experience in the development of palliative care and the issues of a healthcare system facing the challenges of serious chronic illness. Her strategic communications initiatives helped drive palliative care from an unknown field to one of today's most important healthcare trends. For ten years, Lisa Morgan developed the positioning, language, marketing and communications strategies that helped define palliative care for the U.S. healthcare system and the American public. As Chief Communications Officer Lisa's rigorous initiatives targeted frontline providers in major healthcare organizations, U.S. hospitals, health systems, the VA and Capitol Hill. Among her accomplishments, Lisa Morgan managed all marketing and media relations for CAPC; led the first public opinion research aimed at defining and documenting attitudes and perceptions toward palliative care; created the state-by-state report card on access to palliative care; and successfully deflected hot-button crises such as the Terry Schiavo case and “death panel” rhetoric. She is also editor of The Case for Hospital Palliative Care and creator of the patient and family palliative care website, getpalliativecare.org.

Christina Staudt, Ph.D. (Columbia University) is Chair, Columbia University Seminar on Death and co-founder and President, Westchester End-of-Life Coalition. Her Board positions include Jansen Hospice & Palliative Care and Cancer Support Team. Among her recent academic publications are the co-edited anthologies Our Changing Journey to the End – Reshaping Death, Dying, and Grief in America (Praeger-ABC/CLIO 2013), Unequal Before Death (Cambridge Scholars Publishing 2012), and The Many Ways We Talk About Death in Contemporary Society (Mellen 2009), for all of which she contributed individual chapters. She has been a hospice volunteer for over fifteen years, with a focus on assisting the actively dying and their families.
The Rising Dove Program: Building a Comprehensive Palliative Care Program in a Skilled Nursing Facility

Geri Brooks, RN, MSN, GNP-BC, Vice President of Geriatrics and Program Development at United Hebrew. Over 25 years of experience as the Director of an outpatient Geriatric Consultation Program which included home visits, assessment and caregiver navigation. Graduate from Pace University with Masters in Geriatric Nursing, board certified Geriatric Nurse Practitioner, Certified Care Manager with numerous appointments to many committees in Westchester County and NY State including President of the Hudson Valley Chapter of NY State Health Care Providers, Co-Chair of Westchester County Caregiver Collaborative, Palliative Care Collaborative, Older Drivers, Long Term Care Council, Board member of Central Westchester Geriatric Committee, Westchester Public/Private Partnership board and Medicare Rights board to name a few. Geri is currently establishing programs across the United Hebrew campus to include a secure dementia unit, palliative care, hospice services and care management.

Elaine Healy, M.D. is Vice President of Medical Affairs at United Hebrew. Dr. Healy supervises the medical care of residents across a wide spectrum of services including post hospital and long-term skilled nursing care and collaborates with United Hebrew's leadership in furthering its long range mission and goals. Dr. Healy is board certified in the specialties of Internal, Geriatric and Hospice and Palliative Medicine and has practiced in Westchester for over 30 years; in addition to her clinical expertise she has been actively involved in medical education, administration and leadership throughout her career. Dr. Healy is a current member of the medical staff of White Plains Hospital and of the teaching faculty New York Medical College; she has served in leadership roles in the Westchester County Medical Society and the former St. Agnes Hospital. Dr. Healy is active in both the state and local chapters of the American Medical Directors Association and has developed geriatric programs in several local hospitals; she served as the Medical Director of The Sarah Newman Center in Mamaroneck since 2000.

Maria Hood, LCSW, ACSW, CCM, is the Director of Admissions, at United Hebrew in New Rochelle. In addition to managing the admission process, she works with the multidisciplinary team and represents the facility in community outreach events and participates in strategic planning initiatives. Ms Hood received her MSW from Fordham University in 1990. She has held the position of Director of Social Work/Discharge Planning at White Plains Hospital from 2006-2012. She is fluent in Spanish, and is a Certified Care Manager. She also holds a third degree black belt in Karate.


**Legacy Building – Creating Memories in Pediatric Palliative Care**

**Gabrielle Grimaldi Bellettieri, MA, ATR-BC, LCAT, CGP**, is a registered board Certified Clinical Art Therapist, Licensed Creative Arts Therapist and Certified Group Psychotherapist. Gabrielle currently serves on the executive Board of the New York Art therapy Association as a Membership Chair. Gabrielle implemented the clinically based art therapy program at Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital at Westchester Medical Center in 2006, and continues to develop the hospitals multi-faceted art program and maintain the Contemporary Art Collection housed within the Children’s Hospital. Gabrielle has studied the techniques of ancient mosaic making at the Scuola di Mosaico in Ravenna, Italia and has implemented large scale group mosaic creation as a community building experiential with the dual diagnosis adolescent population as well as acute pediatric care.

**Tricia Hiller, MS, CCLS**, is the Director of the Child Life and Creative Arts Therapy Department at Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital at Westchester Medical Center. She has been a Child Life Specialist for 27 years. Ms. Hiller holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Therapeutic Rehabilitation from Springfield College and a Master’s Degree in Children in Healthcare from Wheelock College. In addition Ms. Hiller is an Instructor of Pediatrics, New York Medical College. She serves as a clinical supervisor for Masters level Child Life students from Bank Street College of Education. She serves on the Bridge of Hope Pediatric Palliative Care Committee and Team, the Cancer Committee, Medical Operations Committee and she chairs the Pediatric Bereavement Committee. Ms. Hiller is on the Board of Directors of the Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley.

**Lauren Nittoli, MS, CCLS**, is a Certified Child Life Specialist at Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital at Westchester Medical Center and primarily works with the hematology/oncology population as well as general pediatric patients. Lauren received her Master’s in Child Life from Bank Street College of Education in 2008. In addition to providing psychosocial support to pediatric patients and their families, Lauren co-facilitates different therapeutic group activities including a developmental play play/music group for infants and toddlers, and a weekly scrapbooking group for parents of preemies at the Regional Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Lauren is also an active member of the “Bridges of Hope” Palliative Care Team as well as the Pediatric Bereavement Committee.

**Laurie Park, LCAT, MT-BC**, has been a board certified music therapist for twenty-three years and has established music therapy programs in a variety of settings. She is the Music Therapy Coordinator at Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital at the Westchester Medical Center. Ms park is a member of the Bridges of Hope Palliative Care Team and serves on the Bereavement Committee and the developmental team for the NICU. She is a mentor and supervisor for SUNY New Paltz Music Therapy Masters Program. Ms Park presents regularly at conferences. She has advanced training in NICU music therapy and Hospice and Palliative Care music Therapy.
Jeannie Sweeney MA, CCLS has been a Certified Child Life Specialist for the past 26 years working in acute care facilities in several Child Life Programs throughout the metropolitan area as both a Child Life Specialist and Child Life Director. Jeannie has a Master’s Degree in Drama Therapy from New York University. Jeannie currently works at Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital with General Pediatrics and Hematology/Oncology patients undergoing stem cell transplants. Jeannie is a member of the Bridges of Hope Palliative Care Team and Co-Chairs the Pediatric Memorial Service Planning Committee. Jeannie coordinates the Poetry and Creative Writing Program and Teen Mentoring as part of the Adolescent Programming at MFCH. Some of her more successful events are “Notes From a Hospital Bed” and “Lil’ Champs Burn Survivors Day.”

The New Frontier: Outpatient Medical Group Palliative Care

Maura L. Del Bene, APRN, NP-P BC, ANP, ACHPN, is a Nurse Practitioner and the Associate director of Palliative Medicine at WESTMED. She is principally responsible for program development and clinical care of patients’ and their families referred for palliative medicine consultation. Her palliative medicine practice includes advanced pain and symptom management, long-term planning and advance decision making for patients who have been diagnosed with serious illness. Ms. Del Bene was awarded a master of science in nursing from Columbia University School of Nursing. She is licensed in New York State as a nurse practitioner and holds certification with NBCHPN as an Advanced Practice Nurse in Hospice and Palliative Care and ANCC certification as a Psychiatric Mental Health NP. She is a medical staff member of Lawrence Hospital Center, and is seeking privileges at Greenwich Hospital and White Plains Hospital. She has specialized in neurologic illness including ALS, MS and muscular dystrophy. She is a former director of clinical programming at the Multiple Sclerosis Comprehensive Care Center at New York University School of Medicine.

Irene Edelmann, RN, BSN has been working for the Visiting Nurse Association of Hudson Valley since 2010. Since graduating from the College of Nursing at Syracuse University in 1988, Irene has worked in different areas of nursing including Critical Care and Telemetry, but has mainly specialized in Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing. Irene has always had a passion for providing nursing care which encompasses the wholeness of the patient and which takes into account the physical, mental, psychological and spiritual needs of a person. While working for the VNA of Hudson Valley in the Mental Health Program, a natural collaboration unfolded with the Palliative Care Team. Irene considers it an honor to work with this dynamic and caring group of professionals.
Linda Fraser, RN, BSN, CHPN, trained as a nurse in England, and has had broad experience in a variety of settings including the hospital schools, industry and community. Her passion is hospice and palliative care where she has had more than 18 years experience. She worked at Hospice Care in Westchester and Putnam for a number of years before taking the challenge of becoming the first palliative care nurse in VNA's fledgling Palliative Care Program in 2011. Linda has been instrumental in developing the multidisciplinary care process in the home health care setting, finding the work to be continually challenging as each patient and family must be met where they are at, and care and communication must be individualized. Linda has presented on her work at national and statewide conferences. She is known for using humor and storytelling to help her patients cope with the challenges of an advanced illness.

Tony Susi ACSW, ACHP-SW, has over 25 years working in End of Life and Hospice care in a supervisory and managerial capacity but also in the provision of direct care services. He also has 20+ years as a contract social worker for certified home health agencies such as the VNA of Hudson Valley, providing short term therapy and long term planning to agency patients, specializing with patients with life threatening illnesses. Tony Susi also holds the position of Director of Supportive Services at Calvary Hospital hospice Program, where Tony oversees social work, pastoral care and volunteer services. Tony worked for over ten years in New York City hospitals as a medical social worker primarily providing services to those with advanced illness. Tony has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Pennsylvania State University in Social Welfare and a Masters of Science in Social Work Degree from the University of Tennessee School of Social Work.

Moderator:

Cornelia Schimert, RN, BSN, has been involved in hospice and palliative care for over 30 years. She was responsible for starting two hospice programs and was Administrator of Hospice Care in Westchester and Putnam for 14 years. She currently holds the position of Director of Business Development and Community Relations at VNA of Hudson Valley, where she was instrumental in developing the VNA's comprehensive palliative care program and the areas only Care Transitions Program. Cornelia Schimert has consulted and lectured widely both internationally, nationally and locally on interdisciplinary teams and other facets of palliative and end of life care. Cornelia has consulted on developing palliative care programs and participated on palliative care committees. She volunteers with the Alzheimer’s Association, serves as President of the Northern Westchester Geriatric committee, and is Vice Chair of the Collaborative for Palliative Care.
Oral Health in the Palliative Care Patient: Throughout the Illness Continuum

Rose Anne Indelicato, MSN, ANP-BC, OCN, is the Nurse Practitioner for Palliative Care at Montefiore-New Rochelle Hospital, Instructor in Medicine for New York Medical College and clinical preceptor for the Primary Care/Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner Program at New York University’s College of Nursing. A graduate of the BSN program at the College of New Rochelle, she received her Master’s in Nursing at Pace University and a Post Master’s Certificate as an Adult Nurse Practitioner from Adelphi University. Her certifications include Oncology Nursing, Adult Nurse Practitioner and Advanced Hospice and Palliative Care Nursing.

Anne Johnston, MSM, ACNS-BC, CIC, is the Nurse for the Palliative Care Service at Montefiore-New Rochelle Hospital. A graduate of the Bellevue School of Nursing, she received a BS from the Nursing program at Pace University and her Master of Science (Nursing) at Hunter College, (CUNY). Her certifications include Clinical Nurse Specialist in Adult Health and Infection Control and Prevention.

A Journey of Grief: Depictions of Grief and Human Connection Through Classic Art

Stephen D. Krau, PhD, RN, CNE, received a BSN from Incarnate Word University in San Antonio, Texas, and a MSN from St. Xavier University in Chicago, IL. His doctoral preparation was completed at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. His dissertation focused on the experience of patients with Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators, with an emphasis on qualitative methods, particularly existential phenomenology. Dr. Krau has numerous publications, and teaching awards including the “Circle of Excellence Award” for Teaching, from the American Association of Critical Care Nurses, and the “Innovations” award from the Tennessee Board of Regent’s. Since joining the faculty at Vanderbilt School of Nursing, Dr. Krau has served as the coordinator of the Pharmacology and Adult Health content in the first year, pre-specialty program. He teaches education courses in the DNP program, and teaches cultural considerations in the Adult Nurse Practitioner program.

One Hospital’s Approach to Meeting the Goals of the Palliative Care Information Act

David C. Leven, JD, is the Executive Director of Compassion & Choices of New York an organization seeking to improve care and expand choice at the end of life. As an advocate for patients Mr. Leven has played a leadership role in having legislation introduced and enacted in New York to improve pain management and palliative care including the Palliative Care Education and Training Act of 2007 and the Palliative Care Information Act of 2010, which requires that terminally ill patients be offered information and counseling on their palliative care and end-of-life options. Mr. Leven lectures frequently to diverse professional groups and citizens on pain management, palliative care, health care decision making and end-of-life issues.
Wendy S.A. Edwards, MD, is the Director of the Susan and Herman Merinoff Program in Palliative Medicine at Lenox Hill Hospital and is a Professor of Clinical Medicine at New York Medical College. An early educator and practitioner of Palliative Medicine, Dr. Edwards has also served as the Chief of the Section of Palliative Medicine at St. Vincent's Hospital Manhattan and at SUNY Upstate Medical University Syracuse. A graduate of Wellesley College and Medical College of Pennsylvania, she is board certified in Internal Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine. Dr. Edwards brings more than 25 years of primary care experience to the practice of Palliative Medicine. Her specialties include pain and symptom management in the context of advanced or serious illness and improvement of communication between patients and their health care providers.

Family Caregiving and Palliative Care: Aligning Theory, Practice and Policy

Carol Levine directs the United Hospital Fund’s Families and Health Care Project, which focuses on developing partnerships between health care professionals and family caregivers, especially during transitions in health care settings (www.nextstepincare.org). She was editor of the Hastings Center Report and is now a Hastings Center Fellow. In 1993 she was awarded a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship for her work in AIDS policy and ethics. She was named a WebMD Health Hero in 2007 and a Civic Ventures Purpose Prize Fellow in 2009. She was co-chair of the Fund’s Transitions in Care Quality Improvement Collaborative (TC-QuIC). She edited Always On Call: When Illness Turns Families into Caregivers (2nd ed., Vanderbilt University Press, 2004), and with Thomas H. Murray, co-edited The Cultures of Caregiving: Conflict and Common Ground among Families, Health Professionals and Policy Maker (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2004). In 2014 she published two books: Living in the Land of Limbo: Fiction and Poetry about Caregiving (Vanderbilt University Press) and Planning for Long-Term Care for Dummies (Wiley).
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For more information, please contact Dr. Susan Gerbino at susan.gerbino@nyu.edu
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