



Palliative Care Symposium

September 11, 2020

VCU Health E. Parham Road Office Building
7818 E. Parham Road | Richmond, Virginia 23294

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and VCU Health Continuing Education



Schedule

A.M.

- 7:15 **Check-in and registration**
(Continental breakfast available)
- 8:00 **Welcome and opening remarks**
Danielle Noreika, MD
- 8:10 **Keynote: Rural tele-palliative nurse interventions**
Marie A. Bakitas, DNSc
- 9:30 **Guidance for serious illness communication in crisis**
Danielle Noreika, MD
- 10:15 **Break and networking**
- 10:30 **National perspectives on palliative care: Consensus standards, workforce challenges and payment models**
Amy Melnick, MPA
- 11:15 **Grief amidst separation: Assessment and management of complicated bereavement**
Jason Callahan, MDiv

P.M.

- 12:00 **Lunch and networking**
- 1:00 **DNR in the OR: Management of perioperative code status**
Emily Rivet, MD
- 1:45 **Non-pain symptoms in palliative care: Identifying and managing fatigue and cachexia**
Egidio Del Fabbro, MD
- 2:30 **Break and networking**
- 2:45 **Management of advanced ALS: A case study in utilizing interdisciplinary care models**
Kelly Gwathmey, MD
J'Lee Maldonado, MSW
Paula Brockenbrough, CRT
- 3:30 **Resiliency in healthcare**
Interdisciplinary panel discussion
- 4:25 **Closing remarks**
Danielle Noreika, MD
- 4:30 **Adjourn**

Course description

The Palliative Care Symposium is designed for health care professionals caring for patients with life-limiting illnesses and/or in need of palliative care, as well as their families. Presentation topics will include: communication related to serious illness, managing non-pain symptoms, utilization of telehealth interventions, bereavement support, and resiliency for health care professionals.

Target audience

This activity is designed for interprofessional team members including chaplains, nurses, physicians and social workers involved in palliative care.

Course objectives

At the conclusion of this activity, learners will be able to:

- Identify symptoms and proper treatment for patients with progressive illness.
- Promote the appropriate and effective use of telehealth technology in providing patient care.
- Explain the importance of assessing and considering code status with patients prior to surgery.
- Discuss interprofessional collaboration in managing serious illness based on care model case studies.

Accreditation and education credit



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This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will receive 6.75 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credits for learning and change.

Register online

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Guest faculty

Marie A. Bakitas, DNSc, NP-C, FAAN

Professor, Marie O’Koren Endowed Chair
Co-Director, Center for Palliative and Supportive Care
The University of Alabama at Birmingham
Birmingham, AL

Amy Melnick, MPA

Executive Director
National Coalition for Hospice and Palliative Care
Richmond, VA

VCU Health faculty

Paula Brockenbrough, BS, CRT

Respiratory Therapist II
Respiratory Care Department

Jason Callahan, MDiv, MS, BCC

Chaplain, Thomas Palliative Care Unit at
VCU Massey Cancer Center
Instructor, Departments of
Patient Counseling and Pastoral Care
College of Health Professions

Egidio Del Fabbro, MD

Professor
Palliative Care Endowed Chair and Program Director
Division of Hematology, Oncology & Palliative Care
Department of Internal Medicine

Kelly Gwathmey, MD

Assistant Professor
Department of Neurology
Neuromuscular Division Chief
Program Director of the Neuromuscular Medicine Fellowship

J’Lee Maldonado, MSW

Clinical Social Worker II
Supervisee in Social Work
Adult Outpatient Neurology

Danielle Noreika, MD

Medical Director
Inpatient Palliative Care Services
Program Director
Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship
Associate Professor of Medicine
Division of Hematology, Oncology & Palliative Care
Department of Internal Medicine

Emily Rivet, MD, MBA

Assistant Professor
Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery
Department of Surgery

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Registration

Register online at vcu.cloud-cme.com/Pall2020

Registration rates

- \$135** Early bird registration (through July 31)
- \$145** Regular registration (through September 6)
- \$155** On-site registration
- \$ 70** Virtual-only registration: Register by September 11 to access a livestream of this event.

Fee includes refreshments, meals and online course syllabus.

Cancellation policy

Registration fee, less a 15% non-refundable administrative fee, will be refunded only if written notice of cancellation is received via email to ceinfo@vcuhealth.org on or before August 27, 2020. There will be no refunds after this date.

Conference location

The **VCU Health E. Parham Road Office Building** is located at 7818 E. Parham Road, Richmond, VA 23294.

Complimentary parking is available.

Accommodations

Embassy Suites by Hilton - Richmond

2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294

Rate

\$144.00/night (plus taxes and fees) for standard king bed.

Book Online

<https://tinyurl.com/PallCare20>

Book by Phone

Call 804.672.8585 and reference the “VCU Health 2020 Palliative Care Symposium” block.

Deadline for reserving the guest room block is August 27, 2020. This rate may not be available after this date.

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