



ALIGN 2026: Advancing Learning and Innovation in Goal Concordant Care
04/29/2026 08:20 AM - 04/30/2026 05:00 PM

Target Audience:

Professions: Physician (MD or DO), Nurse - RN, Counselor, Physician Associate, Psychologist, Social Worker, Student or Trainee, Nurse - LVN, Nurse - APRN

Description:

This conference explores goal-concordant care through an interdisciplinary lens. Sessions will be comprised of case-based discussions, evidence-based practices, communication tools, shared decision-making models, and technology in advancing patient-centered outcomes. Educational event is designed for physicians, nurses, advanced practice providers, social workers, and other healthcare professionals working at the intersection of clinical care, research, and patient and caregiver engagement. This activity offers a platform for knowledge sharing, networking, and collaborative innovation in goal-concordant oncology.

Learning Objectives:

- 1 Evaluate current research to apply evidence-based communication strategies when engaging patients with advanced cancer or serious illness, promoting compassionate, high-quality patient-centered care.
- 2 Analyze moral and ethical dilemmas in goal-concordant care and implement supportive interventions that align with goal-concordant care principles to improve patient outcomes.
- 3 Identify methods to provide research-driven, evidence-based strategies designed to enhance the team's capacity for timely, patient-centered communication, ultimately supporting the delivery of goal-concordant care.

Accreditation:



In support of improving patient care, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

Credit Designation:

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center designates this live activity for a maximum of 16.00 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center designates this live activity will award 16.00 Nursing Contact Hour(s)



The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center has been authorized by the American Academy of PAs (AAPA) to award AAPA Category 1 CME credit for activities planned in accordance with AAPA

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The University of Texas MD Anderson (CEU Provider #4607) is an approved continuing education provider for Social Workers through the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners. This activity has been approved for 16.00 continuing education units.

Disclosure of Financial Relationships:

The University of Texas MD Anderson 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 financial relationships with ineligible companies (commercial interests). All relevant conflicts of interest have been mitigated prior to the commencement of the activity.

Faculty & Planner Disclosure:

Name of individual	Individual's role in activity	Nature of Relationship(s) / Name of Ineligible Company(s)
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To claim CE credits or contact hours for this activity, the participant must:

- **Have a profile in Professional Education Portal (PEP):**
 1. Create an account and complete profile in (PEP).
 2. Pair your email address to PEP (must use email address used to create PEP account). This is a **one-time** step in order to log your attendance using the text messaging feature in the future. Pairing your phone to the system is done by sending a **text** of your **email address** to **1-844-912-1333**.
- **Register** for and attend all sessions of this activity.
- **Record Attendance:** During the activity, the learner will TEXT the code: to **1-844-912-1333**. Learners have up to 24 hours after the activity has ended to text this code in order to record attendance.
- **Evaluation:** Complete the participant evaluation in PEP within 30-days.
- **Claim Credit:** Claim your CE credits. Learners should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

REQUIREMENTS TO EARN MOC POINTS (Physicians Only):

- Complete the above requirements for successful activity completion.
- Click the MOC Test button.
- Complete your profile information (Specialty Board Diplomate ID and Date of Birth MM/DD) .
- Complete the MOC test. A passing score of 70% or higher is required. Unlimited attempts are allowed.

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No commercial support has been received for this activity.

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