



14TH ANNUAL **Collective Soul Symposium**

The Collective Soul:
Embracing unity in
caring and relieving
suffering

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INTRODUCTION

Spirituality and religiosity are recognized as factors that contribute to quality of life and coping strategies in many persons facing life-threatening illnesses. These life-threatening events can also give rise to spiritual distress. When combined with chronic or acute pain and other physical and psychological symptoms, spiritual distress can be a component of a patient's total suffering, which the Palliative Care Team (The Collective Soul) seeks to alleviate, enhancing the human spirit and creating a healing environment in the middle of the distressful situation. The purpose of this course is to provide a better understanding of the Palliative Care Team's role in enhancing the Human spirit and relieving patient's bio-psychosocial and spiritual suffering.

DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this educational event is to provide community-based, hospital, chaplains, ministers and other interested healthcare professionals with skills for a better understanding of the Palliative Care Team role; embracing the human spirit of patients with advanced illness, multiple physical, psychosocial, spiritual, and religious issues.

Attendees at this conference will learn the principles of Palliative Care and Hospice, state-of-the-art physical, emotional, and spiritual symptom management, effective communication with patients and families at the end of life, and the integration of spiritual care into the Palliative Care practice.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SYMPOSIUM

- Describe the importance and the role of the interdisciplinary team in the Palliative Care and Hospice setting in the care of patients with advanced illnesses and their family in a multicultural environment.
- Apply the principles of management of different distressing physical symptoms of patients with advanced illnesses.
- Articulate the principles of management of distressing emotional and spiritual symptoms in patients with advanced illnesses and their families.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This important educational event is aimed at chaplains, ministers, clergy, spiritual care counselors, nurses, social workers, and other healthcare professionals delivering spiritual care in the community and healthcare facilities. Certificates for Attendance: CMEs, CNEs, CEUs, and Ethics credits will be provided.

SPECIALTY

Hospice and Palliative Medicine

EDUCATIONAL METHODS

- Didactic/Lecture
- Panel Discussions
- Question and Answer Sessions
- Case Presentations

EVALUATION/CERTIFICATES

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AGENDA | FRIDAY, MARCH 7

All times are Central Standard Time (CST)

7:30-8:00 am	Registration	
8:00-8:15 am	Welcome	<i>Marvin Omar Delgado-Guay, MD</i>
8:15-8:30 am	Opening Blessings	<i>Ahsan Azhar MD, Smitha G Mallaiah MS, Steve Thorney, MDiv Donna Zhukovsky, MD.</i>
8:30-9:10 am	Palliative Care: A human right for all. Managing distressful symptoms of patients with advanced illness.	<i>Eduardo Bruera, MD</i>
9:10-9:50 am	Embracing spirituality in our daily practice. Compassion in Action for Everyone.	<i>Marvin O. Delgado Guay, MD</i>
9:50-10:00 am	Introduction of the 2025 Steve Thorney Award Lecture to Marcia Brennan PhD.	<i>Marvin Omar Delgado-Guay, MD Eduardo Bruera, MD</i>
10:00-11:00 am	The 2025 Steve Thorney Lecture in Spiritual Care: Creating Unity and Healing Through Literary and Narrative Art	<i>Marcia Brennan, PhD.</i>
11:00-11:10 am	Break	
11:10-11:50 pm	Cultivating Gratefulness, Happiness, and Peace in patients with advanced illness	<i>Anne Vandenhoeck, PhD</i>
11:50-12:30 pm	Exercising Hope in Palliative Care Is Celebrating Spirituality	<i>Ana Isabel Fernandes Querido PhD</i>
12:30-1:10 pm	Spiritual well-being and decision making in patients living with advanced illness.	<i>Bella Vivat MD</i>
1:10-1:30 pm	Lunch	
1:30-3:00 pm	How do I want to be cared for when I become Seriously Ill: Religious perspectives about life, illness, miracles, and care decision making and death.	<i>Islam: Shaykh Basem Hamed MD Jewish: Rabbi Dan Gordon Hindu: Smitha G Mallaiah, MS, C-IAYT Buddhist: Alejandro Chaoul PhD Christian: Joe R. Crosby, MDiv</i>
3:00-3:40 pm	Approaching Ethical, Clinical, and Spiritual Dilemmas Found While Caring for Patients With Serious Illness.	<i>Sylvia Klauser PhD, BCC, ACPE-Ce Donna Zhukovsky MD</i>
3:40-4:20 pm	Advancing the field of Spiritual Care through Collective Clinical Practice, Education and Research	<i>Christina Puchalski, MD</i>
4:20-4:30 pm	Break	
4:30-5:30 pm	Promoting Integration among Clinicians, Community Spiritual/Religious Leaders, and Chaplains. A Call for All.	<i>Csaba Szilagyi Mdiv Morvan Oscar Hall, MDiv Jorge Espinel, MDiv</i>
5:30-6:00 pm	A Healing Laugh for the Soul: Laughter Yoga	<i>Steve Finley MDiv</i>
6:00 pm	Adjourn	

AGENDA | SATURDAY, MARCH 8

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8:00-8:05 am	Welcome	Marvin Omar Delgado Guay MD
8:05-8:15 am	Opening Blessings	Richard W. Bauer, MM, BCC, LCSW
8:15-9:00 am	Beyond Diagnosis: Relieving Suffering and Embracing Unity	Chaplain Cynthia Johnson, MDiv, BCC Sarah Grudier, LCSW, APHSW-C Beth Muehlhausen, PhD, MDiv, BCC Chaplain Shamra Hodge, MA Chaplain Jonatan Amaya, MTS, BCC
9:00-9:40 am	The Collective Soul in Action: Interdisciplinary Care for Those in Suffering and Caring for Ourselves.	Marvel Bartley, MSRN, RN, CMSRN, FNP-C Avery Virgilio, MS, APRN, FNP-C, ACHPN-C
9:40-10:30 am	Living the Integration of Bio-Psychological and Spiritual Care Models for Children in Suffering	Ann-Ji Sujin PhD. Richard W. Bauer, BCC, LCSW Nelda Itzep, MD
10:30-11:10 am	Working Hand to Hand, the Impact of Spirituality as Service of Excellence in the Health Care of the Community	Stuart Nelson, MA - President, Institute of Spirituality and Health
11:10-11:20 am	Break	
11:20-12:00 pm	Categorical Suffering and Resilience in Patients Living With Serious Illness	Marta Gordon-Duffis, MsChap, MDiv, BCC, BCPC Justin Halterman, MD Grace LaTorre, DO, MS, FACP
12:00-12:40 pm	"Everything Stopped after My Loved One Died." Supporting Caregivers in the Grief and Bereavement Process	Chris Nagel, M.Div., BCC
12:40-1:20 pm	Embracing the Healing Process Through Art While Living With Serious Illness	Marie J Deschamps, MA
1:20-1:55 pm	A Healing Melody For The Soul of People in Suffering	Ingrid Moeller, MA, MT-BC
1:55-2:00 pm	Adjourn, Evaluation	

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LIVE INTERNET EVENT

The two-day Collective Soul Symposium will begin on Friday, March 7, 2024, with Opening Remarks at 8:00 a.m. and will adjourn for the day at 6:00 p.m. The symposium will reconvene on Saturday, March 8, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at 1:30 p.m.

Advanced registration is encouraged.

Course registration includes on-line materials, presentation video recordings and PowerPoint presentations.

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