Disease Prognostication: An Inexact Art & Science
- Individualized care: Choosing the best prognostication tool
- Determining palliative care vs. hospice care
- Crucial conversations

Congestive Heart Failure: The Broken Heart
- Best practice: The Seattle HF Model
- Medication management strategies
- Living longer with morphine
- Helping the patient breathe
- Pacemakers, ICD’s & LVAD’s - Living better or prolonging suffering?

Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease
- Global Obstructive Lung Disease (GOLD) Guidelines
- Staging the disease
- Spirometry: A required test
- The COPD Assessment Test (CAT)
- The mMRC Breathlessness Scale
- Treating dyspnea: “The Pain of Non-Malignant Disease”
- The medication tool box: Oxygen, bronchodilators, opioids and steroids
- Exacerbations: Lethal consequences

Advanced Cancer
- The value of early palliative care
- Spiritual needs
- Complications and interventions - Spinal cord compression
- Superior vena cava syndrome
- Bowel obstruction
- Hypercalcemia
- Fungating wound care
- Eight signs of impending death

Renal Disease
- Appropriate use of dialysis
- Staging disease with Glomerular Filtration Rate
- Hemodialysis mortality predictor
- Symptom burden
- Underutilization of hospice

Liver Disease
- Indicators of poor prognosis
- Differentiating when cirrhosis is the cause
- Most useful analgesics for the pain
- Waiting for transplant while on hospice: UC Davis Experience

Oxymetrical Lateral Sclerosis
- Diagnostic tests for ALS
- Post polio syndrome: An ALS mimic
- Advance directives and life support decisions
- Nutrition and gastrostomy, non-invasive ventilation.
- Table of useful medications

Palliative Care
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5. Differentiate end stage symptoms across various diseases.
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End Stage Diseases
Care When There Is No Cure

Preserving a patient’s legacy – Harold’s story...

Harold was a patient with metastatic bowel cancer – he had just months to live. Over the course of his disease, he realized that, in transforming acres of farmland into the village that he grew to love, it wasn’t enough for Harold. With his permission, a local TV station was interviewing the story of Harold’s village, and he allowed the station to video tape his entire model of the town. Upon hospice visits, his only focus was teaching his caregivers about his legacy. He did not want it to end with his life.

His caregivers began videotaping him sharing the story of his village – but that wasn’t enough for Harold. With his permission, a local TV station was brought in, focusing on the model, photos, and the stories behind them. The video aired, Harold was featured on the local station, and Harold was ecstatic – and at peace. He passed away soon after, his legacy preserved.

In this compelling seminar, multi-case studies like Harold’s will provide you with examples that you can incorporate when caring for the terminally ill. Caregivers for patients with end stage disease may encounter extreme sensitivity, deep compassion, and extraordinary knowledge. In order to deliver expert, holistic care, healthcare professionals need to have a toolbox full of new interventions to promote quality of life.

Each particular end stage disease has unique complexities for the patient, the family, and the healthcare professional - and this seminar will cover specific strategies for caring for these patients.

Did you know that a patient seeking a liver transplant can be hospice care while waiting? We will discuss how this is done.

What can we do for patients with COPD who’s seemingly only solution for an exacerbation is a visit to the E.R.? We have an intervention for this.

How can we keep costs down without sacrificing patient care? We’ll give you the latest strategies, proven successful for this.

It’s time to think outside the box.

Walk away from this seminar with new tools for quality support - and care when there is no cure.

SPEAKER

Lores Vlaminck, RN, BSN, MA, CHPN, is a consultant for home care, palliative care, hospice, and assisted living providing education, training, and consulting. She has been a trainer of trainers in various settings including hospitals, hospices, community centers, and home care agencies. Lores is the author of two books, literally thousands of articles, and numerous book chapters. She has presented in the United States, Europe, Canada, and around the world. Lores Vlaminck's credentials include: RN, BSN, MA, CHPN, a graduate of the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. She is a member of MHCA (Minnesota Home Care Association), MNHPC (Minnesota Network for Hospice on two not-for-profit long-term care boards. and Palliative Care), Leading Age MN, NHPCO (National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization), HPNA (Hospice Palliative Care Nursing Association MN Chapter) and Sigma Theta Tau. Additionally, Lores also serves on two non-profit long-term care boards.

Through a blend of both grief and joy filled patient stories, clinical expertise and referenced content, Lores provides a unique perspective to address the needs and expectations of patients, their families, and healthcare providers.

SPEAKER DISCLOSURE

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End of Life - A Nurse’s Guide to Compassionate Care
By Multiple Authors
This sensitively-written book offers a wealth of insight and practical advice for nurses in every specialty and setting providing end of life care. Nurses will learn how to address patients’ spiritual concerns, ensure that physical needs are met, help patients maintain their dignity, and provide comfort during the transition to end stage disease. Nurses will also learn how to cope with their own feelings about dying and end-of-life care. Coverage includes stages of dying, nursing interventions for end-of-life care, pain control, alternative therapies, physical and psychological signs of dying, and more. Vignette insights from the well-known end-of-life specialist, Joy Ufema offer advice on giving compassionate care.

The Needs of the Dying
By David Kessler
In gentle, compassionate language, The Needs of the Dying helps us through the last chapter of our lives. Author David Kessler has identified key areas of concern: the need to be treated as a living human being, the need for hope, the need to express emotions, the need to participate in care, to celebrate the need for healing, the need for spirituality, and the need to free of physical pain. The physical examination and experienced physician have long recognized that Harold was well. The video aired on the TV and for the dying that allows them to communicate with doctors, with hospice staff, and with those with whom they share life with. In addition to the right words are exceedingly difficult to find - he helps readers find a way to say a good-bye.

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