Overview
The course covers basic and some advanced aspects of palliative care. It provides an excellent foundation in palliative care for physicians, family practice residents, pharmacists and nurses from hospitals, long term care facilities and home settings.

Course faculty includes health care professionals from Victoria Hospice, and professionals from Lower Mainland palliative care programs.

Course Objectives
■ To increase awareness of and sensitivity to death and dying issues
■ To increase understanding, skills and knowledge in order to apply a palliative approach to both cancer and non-cancer disease
■ To increase specific medical and nursing skills in the assessment and management of distressing symptoms associated with advanced disease
■ To increase understanding of normal and complicated grief and loss, and ways to provide practical support
■ To enhance understanding of the role of the interdisciplinary team in palliative care

This program has been accredited for up to 25 MAINPRO C1 and 25 AMA PRA Category 1 study credits.

Course Content

■ Introduction to Death and Dying
■ Ethical Aspects of End of Life Care
■ Knowing What We Bring to the Bedside
■ Palliative Approach for Non-Cancer Disease
■ Pain Assessment and Etiology
■ Basic and Advanced Pain Management
■ Gastrointestinal Issues
■ Neurological Issues
■ Respiratory Issues
■ Palliative Sedation
■ Team Issues
■ Pediatric Care
■ Care and Death at Home
■ Grief and Bereavement
■ Prognosis
■ Hope and Breaking Bad News

Other topics may be added.

Teaching Format
Course textbook (Medical Care of the Dying 4th edition, 2006)
■ Topic reviews and discussions
■ Multimedia presentations
■ Large and small group discussions
■ Case-based problem solving sessions

Please note that this particular course is being delivered in a condensed 4 day format.

Course Fee
The early bird fee for this course is $950 and after January 31, the fee will be $980. The course fee includes registration, a copy of the 4th edition of the Medical Care of the Dying textbook, lunch on Monday and Thursday and refreshment breaks.

Cancellation Policy
The registration fee, less a 10% non-refundable deposit, will be returned on notification of cancellation until February 11. After February 11, no refunds will be issued. However, an organization may send an alternate participant if arrangements are confirmed with Victoria Hospice prior to the course.

Location and Accommodation
This course will be held at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel. A block of rooms is being held until February 17 at a daily conference rate of $109.00 single/double.

If you want to stay there, please contact the hotel directly, identify yourself as a participant in the Victoria Hospice Course, and reserve your room. Complimentary airport shuttle available.

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Other faculty to be confirmed

Previous course participants’ responses to “How will this change your practice?”

“Manage pain and the dying patient much more confidently, thus enabling the patient to die with grace and dignity”

“Give people more choices in how they receive bad news”

“…use morphine in advanced COPD, CHF”

“I will try to educate staff about the burden of hydration and encourage discussion with families”

“Better mastery of meds and interventions”

“Apply more palliative care principles in caring for long term care facility residents”

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