Overview
This course is provided by the Victoria Hospice Society, and has been offered since 1986. 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 Vancouver Island and 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 psychosocial and spiritual needs of patients and families including grief and bereavement
■ To enhance understanding of the role of the interdisciplinary team in palliative care

This program has been accredited for up to 29.25 MAINPRO M1 and 29.25 AMA PRA Category 1 study credits

Course Content

Course Content INCLUDES
■ Ethical Aspects of End of Life Care
■ Hope and Breaking Bad News
■ Prognosis
■ Using a Palliative Approach in Non-Cancer Illness
■ Pain Assessment and Etiology
■ Basic and Advanced Pain Management
■ Gastrointestinal Issues
■ Neurological Issues
■ Respiratory Issues
■ Sexuality and Intimacy Issues
■ Team Issues
■ Pediatric Care
■ Spiritual Care
■ Care Through Death and Death at Home
■ Grief and Bereavement

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

Course Fee
The course fee of $875 includes registration, a copy of the 4th edition of the Medical Care of the Dying textbook, lunch on Monday and Friday and refreshment breaks.

CANCELLATION POLICY
The registration fee, less a 10% non-refundable deposit, will be returned on notification of cancellation until October 21, 2010. After October 21, 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 Hotel Grand Pacific in Victoria’s Inner Harbour. A block of rooms is being held until October 21, 2010 at a daily conference rate of $109.00 single/double.
To receive the conference rate, please contact the hotel directly and identify yourself as a participant of this course when you make your reservation.

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

“think more in terms of palliative approach in people with non-cancer diseases”
“greater comfort with opioids/dosing/switching”
“better facilitator for nutrition and hydration discussion with patients and family”
“greater understanding of diagnosis and treatment of neuropathic pain”
“more tools to help family through grief/mourning”
“I would be honoured to have any of the presenters active in my care if I was palliative. They seemed knowledgeable, compassionate and had a sense of humor.”

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