Course Faculty

Alexandros Alexiadis, MD, DABHPM; Medical Director, Richmond Integrated Palliative Care Service, Vancouver Coastal Health

Elizabeth Beddard-Huber, RN, MSN; Advanced Practice Nurse, Pain and Symptom Management/Palliative Care, BC Cancer Agency, Vancouver Centre

Barb Eddy, MN, CHPCN(c); Family Nurse Practitioner, Downtown Community Health Center, Vancouver Coastal Health

Linda Hunt, MSW, RSW; Social Work Consultant, Vancouver Home Hospice Palliative Care, Vancouver Coastal Health

Bruce Kennedy, BSc (Pharm), MBA; Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Palliative Care, Fraser Health

David Kuhl, MD, PhD; Director, Centre for Practitioner Renewal, Providence Health Care & UBC, Vancouver

Nicola Macpherson, MD, FRCP, (Anaesth), DABHPM; Hospice Palliative Consultant, Burnaby Tertiary Palliative Care Unit and Ridge Meadows Home Hospice, Fraser Health

Douglas McGregor, MB ChB, FRCP(UK), MRCGP; Medical Director and Palliative Physician, Victoria Hospice (Course Co-Chair)

Pat Porterfield, RN, MSN, CHPCN, CNS; Palliative Care, iPanel Co-Investigator

Course Faculty

Della Roberts, RN, MSN, CHPCN(c); Clinical Nurse Specialist, Hospice Palliative Care White Rock/South Surrey/Delta, Fraser Health

Dr. Lynn Straatman, MD, FRCP; Staff Cardiologist, Cardiac Function Clinic, Vancouver General Hospital and Palliative Care Physician, Canuck Place Children’s Hospice

Lauren Wolfe, RN, BSN, CWOCN; Wound Care Clinician, Adult & Older Adult Services, Vancouver Coastal Health

Wendy Yeomans, MD, FRCP; Medical Manager, Palliative Program, Vancouver Hospital & Health Sciences Centre, Vancouver Coastal Health

Additional faculty are being confirmed

“I would be honored to have any of the presenters active in my care if I was palliative. They seemed knowledgeable, compassionate and had a sense of humor.”

— previous participant comment
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, hospices, long term care facilities and home and community settings. Course faculty includes health care professionals from Victoria Hospice and professionals from Lower Mainland palliative care programs and other areas.

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 31.5 MAINPRO M1 credits and up to 31.5 AMA PRA Category 1 study credits.

Course Content

**Course Content Includes**
- Introduction to Death and Dying
- Ethical Aspects of End of Life Care
- Palliative Approach for Non-Cancer Disease
- Pain Assessment and Etiology
- Basic and Advanced Pain Management
- Gastrointestinal Issues
- Neurological Issues
- Respiratory Issues
- Palliative Sedation
- Palliative Emergencies
- Pediatric Care
- Care and Death at Home
- Grief and Bereavement
- Knowing What We Bring to the Bedside
- Prognosis

This course is designed for physicians, nurses and pharmacists. Other interested health professionals may contact the Manager of Education Services brenda.pengelly@viha.ca

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 early bird fee for this course is $995 and after February 3, the fee will be $1025. The course fee includes registration, a copy of the 4th edition of the Medical Care of the Dying textbook, additional materials, lunch on Monday and Friday and refreshment breaks.

Location
The course will be held March 3–7, 2014 from 8:30–4:30 at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel.

Accommodation
A block of rooms is being held at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel until February 6, 2014 at a daily conference rate of $114.00 single/double.

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

Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel
7551 Westminster Highway
Richmond, BC V6X 1A3 Canada
604-273-7878
Toll free 1 800-663-0299
www.sheraton.com/vancouverairport

To Register
To register please go to www.victoriahospice.org/health-professionals and follow the link to the course of your choice. Victoria Hospice will then send your official confirmation letter and the textbook for pre-reading.

Enroll early as participant numbers are limited.

Cancellation and Refund Policy
The registration fee of $995, less a $100 non-refundable deposit, will be returned on written notification of cancellation until February 3, 2014.
After February 3, no refunds will be issued. However, an organization may send an alternate participant if arrangements are confirmed with Victoria Hospice prior to the course.

To register please go to www.victoriahospice.org/health-professionals and follow the link to the course of your choice.

"I would be honored to have any of the presenters active in my care if I was palliative. They seemed knowledgeable, compassionate and had a sense of humor."