Pediatric Palliative Care



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2010 End-Of-Life Nursing Education Consortium Pediatric Palliative Care Curriculum

The Hospice Education Network and ELNEC are pleased to offer online subscription access to nine ELNEC modules presented by ELNEC faculty, each experts in end-of-life care. This online format allows 24/7 unlimited viewing of lectures and supplemental materials for all staff from any computer with internet access for one year. The modules are part of the nationally recognized ELNEC Pediatric Palliative Care trainings that are provided across the country by individuals who have completed the ELNEC Train-The-Trainer program.



Module 1: INTRODUCTION TO PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE - Betty Ferrell, RN, PhD, Melody Brown Hellsten

FAAN, FPCN This module creates the foundation for the ELNEC-Pediatric Palliative Care (ELNEC-PPC)

curriculum. It is an overview of the need to improve care and the role of nurses as members of an interdisciplinary team in providing quality care. Basic principles of pediatric palliative care are presented within a quality-of-life (QOL) framework.



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Module 2: PERINATAL AND NEONATAL CARE - Anita Catlin, RN, MSN, FNP, DNSc, FAAN This module is an overview of the unique aspects of perinatal and neonatal palliative care and offers suggestions for care.

Module 3: COMMUNICATION - Jennifer Murray, RN, CNS, CPNP

This module emphasizes the importance of good communication in pediatric palliative care. The complexities of communicating with children and families at this critical time are described along with suggestions for care.

Module 4: ETHICAL / LEGAL ISSUES - Jennifer Murray, RN, CNS, CPNP

This module discusses some of the key ethical issues and legal concerns in palliative care for children and provides resources to address these in practice.

Module 5: CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS - Betty Davies, RN, PhD, CT, FAAN

The purpose of this presentation is to identify dimensions of culture and the influence of culture on palliative care for patients across the life span. In addition, a review of various beliefs regarding death and dying in a multitude of different cultures will be discussed.

Module 6: PAIN MANAGEMENT - Joetta Wallace, RN, MSN, FNPC

This module reviews basic principles of pain assessment and management in infants, children, and adolescents with a focus on pain in palliative care.

Module 7: SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT - Melody Hellsten, MS, PNP-BC

This module builds on Module 6 (Pain Management) by addressing other symptoms common in children with life-threatening illnesses.

Module 8: CARE AT THE TIME OF DEATH - Joetta Wallace, RN, MSN, FNPC

This module focuses on care at the actual time of a child's death, emphasizing the preparation necessary to ensure the best care at this critical event in the trajectory of illness.

Module 9: LOSS, GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT - Betty Davies, RN, PhD, CT, FAAN This module addresses the challenging aspects of grief, loss, and bereavement of children

and families as well as the loss experiences of health care professionals.

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